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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE, 1763-64

(Volume No. 44)

(From 28th December 1763 to 25th December 1764).

No. 1.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves only to advise of my having laden on board this Vessel twenty Barrels of the Gunpowder landed here from the Brittannia: The remaining thirteen Chests shall follow by the next Opportunity.

I am very Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most humble Servant
John Pybus.

Masulipatam
28th. Decr. 1763.

No. 2.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreably to the Advice given you in our Letter of the 10th. Ultimo We now dispatch to you the Ship Lord Clive with the West Coast Stores; and having taken the same Opportunity of forwarding the remainder of your Cartridge paper enclosed you will find the Invoice & Bill of Lading.

Enclosed also is the Packet for Fort Marlbro which we have left open for your perusal of the Invoice, that having put on board what other Articles of Stores you have to send you may give the ship her fresh Dispatches for that Presidency.

The Osterly is now taking on board her Cargo for Europe, and the Boscawen & Deptford wait only for the Arrival of Salt Petre, to be dispatch'd agreable to their respective Destinations, but we are much afrid that this may be later than we expected on Account of the great part of the Salt Petre which is yet at Patna unboil'd.

Enclosed is Copy of an Indent for some Cloths wanted by our Military Agent of which Assortments we have this year received no Supplys; We therefore beg, that you will forward us the Quantity therein specifyed by the first Occasion that offers.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

HENRY VANSITTART.
WARREN HASTINGS
RANDH. MARRIOTT.
H. WATTS.
WM. SENIOR.
JOHN BURDETT.

FORT WILLIAM
8TH. DECR. 1763.

No. 3.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This will again inform you, that Ramalinga has Laden on Bullocks for Your Presidency 12 Call Long Cloth, Twenty (20) Corge Worriarpollam 8 Call, sixteen (16) Corge and Chinnamanaikpollam 9 Call Twelve (12) Corge.

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

JOHN CALLAND.

CUDDALORE
31ST. DECR. 1763.

No. 4.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have been honored with your Commands of the 16th. Ultimo inclosing the Cowles for the Farms dependant on this Place, lately relet and as I had before the Receipt of them with much difficulty prevailed on Meer Sied Hussain & Rustum Ally Cawn the only Bidders for the Salt Farm, to take upon them the Management of that Bussyness I delivered them their Cowle with those for the Pettah Juncan and Narsapore Town the day after I received them, And I do not apprehend any Inconveniences can arise from prolonging the Term of Payment four Months beyond the Expiration of the Farm, as the Farmer has been always allowed to continue the Sale of his Salt till that time, as I had the Honour of advising you in my address of the 16th. September. Nor do I believe I should have found any one inclined to bid for this Farm on the Terms you have been pleased to stipulate at a time when Basalet Jung with his Army is advancing towards this Country from Hydrabad & Shitteramrauze is expected to be troublesome in these Parts so soon as he has settled

the Bussyness he has in hands to the Northward, which as there is no force capable of opposing him long, he must soon accomplish. I therefore hope you will approve of what I have done in this Matter.

It has been a practise observed here not to collect any Customs on Goods exported from hence from Madrass, but as it may sometimes happen that such Goods may not be landed at your Port by which means the Company may loose their Duties, I have thought it necessary to inclose you a manifest of twenty two Bales of Piece Goods shipp'd here on board the Monmouth Ketch Capt. Price bound for your Port on which no Customs have been paid. and I shall be mindful to observe this Rule in future on the like occasions.

The Arrack Farm at this Place expiring the 12th. of next Month, I request to be honoured with your Orders for reletting it.

Having some Affairs to settle at Madrass which require my Presence there, I am to request your Permission to come up for a few days, and am very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient & most humble Servant

John Pybus.

Masulipatam
2d. January 1764.

Cloth on hand as ℔ Last.

No. 5.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with your Commands of the 29th. Ultimo and now forward the accounts of this Settlement for last Month.

The Twenty four Bales of Brown Cloth you are pleased to remark as noted at the Foot of my Letters are what I advised you under date the 7th. October I had been under a Necessity of landing out of the Success to make room for the Chay Goods from hence, and which I shall not be able to get cured here, not having People who understand it, or Conveniences for it, neither can I at this Season of the Year send them to Bandarmalanka which was it practicable would be attended both with Risque and Expence, and as these make a part of the 300 Bales I gave hopes of furnishing by the latter, end of this Month (which I still flatter myself I shall be able to do so) and a good Conveyance offering from hence for your Place, I have taken upon me to ship them on board, in hopes as the Season is yet early that they may be with you in time to be cured in readiness for the ensuing Dispatch, which I hope will meet with your Approbation Invoice and Bill of Lading for the same come enclosed.

I am very respectfully,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient & most humble Servant

John Pybus.

Masulipatam
9th January 1764.

Cloth on Hand at Mazulipatam.

Sustracundees	8	Bale.	Embaled
Callowapores	2	Do.	
	10		Bales
Sustracundees	Co. 39	8	at the Wash
Romalls	88	18	
Collowapores	14	4	
Allijars	22	9	

At Bandarmalanka

Corge 164·19

Long Cloth Ordy.	77	Bal.	
Ll. Midling	59	Do.	
Ll. Fine	25	Do.	
			161 Bales of 254 Corge.
Long Cloth Fine	Co. 15		
Ll. Midling	19		
Ll. Ordinary	67	..	101 Do.
Izzarees		..	10 Do.

No. 6.

To the Honble Robert Palk

President & Governor &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have this Instant been favoured with your Letter of the 22d. Ultimo, & we must beg leave to assure your Honor &ca. that our utmost pains & Endeavours shall never be wanting to promote the Investment all in our Power, & We have ever given the strictest Charge to the Merchants, to amend the Fabrick & to bring in as much as possible but they tell us, that the troubles in the Country render them incapable of getting a larger Quantity of Cloth at present. Sitteram Raus has not as yet openly impeded our Investment, but the Anhapillah Rajah has twice stopt our Cloths, & again delivered it upon our several Applications, & the Merchants represent themselves to be so liable to be plundered in the Countries where they provide their Cloths, that they were afraid to risk their money out, & we have great hopes of enlarging our Investment when the Country is settled. The Cloth on hand is expressed at the foot hereof, & we hope to have One hundred & thirty Bales to send up White, & We request your Honor &ca. will favour us with your Directions, whether or not you would please to have, what further Quantity we may get in, sent up Brown, as it will not be in Our Power to have it washed in proper tions relating thereto.

There is in the stores here a Europe Cable of twelve Inches which stands on the Companys Books at Curr^{t}. Pagodas 177–27 and which has been used & Tarred over again, We have desired Capt. Twain to look at it & to give us his Opinion of it, & he reports it to us to be useless as a Cable, We therefore request your Honor &ca. will favour us with your Directions relating thereto.

We have the Honor to remain with perfect Respect,

Vizagapatam
the 5th. January 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most & obliged
humble Servants
John Smith.
Geo. Stratton.
Chas. Smith.

Cloth on hand.

At the Wash Co.	...	236—2—0
In the warehouse	...	... — —
Corge	...	236—2—0

N°. 7.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed are the Accounts for last Month which I should not have been so late with [*sic*] had I not been desirous of giving the Merchants all the time I could to bring in their Balances & make the most of the Investment.

Should the Neptune Schooner Arrive from the southward, or any other Vessell call here I will not loose the Opportunity of sending by them, whatever Bales can be taken in but if no Conveyance offers by the End of the Month I must request your Honor &c^a^. will furnish one with one, as by that time I hope to have most of my Cloth Embaled.

There remaining in the Godown about Two thousand Pieces of Turn'd out Cloth some of which will answer at the Abated Price I shall be glad to receive Your directions about it; when the Godowns may be clear'd and the Ballances paid in.

I am with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
John Calland.

Cuddalore
15th. Jany. 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand.

Embaled	... ...	120
Beaters	... ...	$18\frac{3}{4}$
Washers	... ...	$64\frac{1}{2}$
Dyers	... ...	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Bales	...	$234\frac{3}{4}$

N°. 8.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council.
at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have received a Duplicate of your Letter of the 18th. Ultimo by Pattamar.

We beg leave to Congratulate M^r^. Palk on his Accession to the Government, and we heartily wish him all manner of success in the management of the Companys Affairs at your Presidency.

On the 8th. Instant We dispatched to you the Honble Companys Ship Lord Clive with stores for the West Coast, and We transmitted Duplicates of our Advices by her on board the Norfolk Country Ship. We shall forward the Deptford a soon as the first Parcell of Salt Petre arrives from Patna; By her

We shall also send you a supply of Grain, and as private Vessels are daily departing for your Place loaded with that Article, We hope the scarcity you apprehend may be Amply provided against.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Henry Vansittart.
Wm. Billers.
Randh. Marriott.
John Burdett.

Fort William
29th. December 1763.

No. 9.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Favours of the 21st. November reach'd us the 21st. Ultimo.

We beg the Honble the Presidents Acceptance of our sincere Congratulations on his Accession to the Government of Madrass & heartily wish Prosperity to our Honble Masters affairs under his Management.

Our Honble Masters Ship Speaker imported here the 7th. Ultimo from Europe, and his Majestys Ship Elisabeth sailed hence the 28th. in order to join the Admiral at Cochin, but by private Advices we learn he sail'd from thence the same day for Europe.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Wm. Hornby.
H. Hurt.
Wm. Ashburner.
Thos. Day.
J. W. Slasse.

Tellicherry
2d. January 1764

No. 10.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the Honour to receive your favor of the 29th. November & it gives us much Concern to find that Our Estimate & state of the Repairs wanting to the several Buildings at this Place do not meet with your Honor &cas. Approbation, as we can assure you that We had ordered the Mastrys to be as close as possible in the account thereof before sent you; & we flatter ourselves that you will permit us to repair the Guard Houses, as your Honor &ca. must be sensible of the Necessity of having a place to shelter the Military & Gun Peons from the Inclemency of the Weather & when on duty & which they have hitherto always had but should they not be soon repaired, We are very apprehensive they will be rendered utterly useless either for this, or any other Service.

It has been & ever shall be our study to cultivate a good understanding with the Country Powers in our Neighbourhood but your Honor &c^{a}. are very sensible how little dependance is to be placed in their Assurances of Friendship. Several Parties of the Rajah People have for some time been hovering about our Neighbourhood & should they at any time take it into their Heads to be Enemys to the Honble Company, We much fear it would not be in Our Power to prevent the Plundering & carrying off, the Cloth that may be out at Wash as a small Party of horse might easily do it were before We were apprized thereof & our force is too small to admit of our sending out detachments to be always ready to protect it in case any Accident should happen.

Your Honor &c^{a}. may be assured of our utmost Vigilance & best Endeavours to secure the Honble Companys Effects should any attack be made thereon (Which we hope will never happen) but we must beg leave to observe that it may not always be in Our Power to get a Vessell should it be necessary, unless one was kept for that purpose.

We have lately received ten thousand Madrass Pagodas from M^{r}. Pybus.

As the time for closing the present Investment is now drawing near we request your Honor &c^{a}. will favor us with your immediate Orders how we are to act in case the Merchants should not agree to carry it on the present terms.

On our giving strict Charge to the Washermen to take great Care in Washing the Cloth, they have requested us to desire your Honor &c^{a}. will permit to have the same pay as the Washerman at Bandarmalanka which they represent to be higher than they receive & which we beg leave to submit to your Judgement.

We take the Liberty to refer you to our Address of the 9th. October last, in relation to our request of having a surgeon & an additional Number of servants allowed for the use of this Settlement We have the Honor to be with much respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. & most Obliged
humble Servants
John Smith.
Geo. Stratton.
Chas. Smith.

Vizagapatam
3^{d}. January 1764.

Cloth on Hand.

		Ps.
At the Wash C^{o}.	... 222	9
In the Warehouse	... 4	11
Corge	... 227	—

N°. 11.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. Council
at Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letter of the 22^{d}. Ultimo & beg leave to congratulate M^{r}. Palk on his succeeding M^{r}. Pigot in the Government of your Presidency sincerely wishing him all possible success in the administration of Affairs there.

We shall advise the Chief and Factors at Anjengo of your Honour &c^{a}. having detained the Fire Arms and Rupees Landed from the Hector and of your intentions to send the Gold to them by the first Conveyance.

His Majestys ship Elisabeth left this Place for Europe the 16th. Instant, being to touch at Tellicherry and Anjengo by the Admirals Directions. The Baleine imported the 28th. & brought us an Account of the Speakers arrival at Tellicherry the 9th. having left England the 20th. May.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Chas. Crommelin.
Thomas Byfeld.
J. Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Samuel Court.
Cecil Bowyer.

Bombay Castle
31st. December 1763.

No. 12.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been duely honored with your Commands under date the 10th. and 19th. Instant.

The Goods laden here on board the Monmouth Ketch of which I enclosed a Manifest in my Letter of the 2d. Instant had paid no Customs here, as the Farmer of the land Customs makes no Collections on any kind of Goods brought to the Town for Exportation. Those Exported for Madrass only are exempted from Duties here on shipping off which has I find been allways, practised owing no doubt to the Difference of 2 ℘ Cent in favor of the Company in the Duties if collected there instead of here, as our export and import Duties are only three instead of five ℘ Ct. and there will arise likewise some advantage by levying the Duties on the Goods at the Port they are sent to for sale rather than where they are manufactured and provided Goods exported from hence for any other Port pay the usual Duty.

The only Proposals delivered me for the rent of the Arrack Farm the ensuing Year are from the present Farmer Toddapala Rammiah who has always paid his Rents regularly.

In Obedience to your Commands I have made Enquiry on what terms Black and other Palmeiras for Building are to be procured, this way and landed at Madrass all charges included, and find that by employing People in the Countries hereabouts to cut them down prepare them for use, and bring them to this Place (which is the Cheapest method of collecting them) the Expence will at least amount to twenty or twenty five Madrass Pagodas for every hundred Trees, The French cut down many thousands & from the best Information I can get never got them cheaper, The freighting them to Madrass is very precarious, as few Vessells go from hence that are capable of taking them in, and for those that are the hire would I apprehend be exorbitant, as the owners must give up the Advantages they make by their Grain Trade in which most of the Vessells this way are employed; so that I do not imagine they could be transported from hence to your Place for less than twenty Madrass Pagodas for every hundred Trees and should your Honour &ca. have any great demand for them it would be very difficult to procure a large Quantity of such as are serviceable which the very great Consumption of them when the French were in Possession of these Parts have rendered scarce

The Sloop Bandarmalanka arrived here with the Bales from that Place yesterday and having put on board her, the Chay Goods from hence, I now dispatch her to your Honor &ca with two hundred and seventy six Bales as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed, There are a few Bales of each sort of

which Goods half washed and without Conjee conformably to your orders, which are distinguished in the Invoice by which your Honor &c^{a}. will likewise observe there are fifteen Bales of Brown Cloth, which being all that was brought in and but as small Quantity I ordered to be ship'd on board, which I hope you will not disapprove. Under cover you will be pleased to receive a statement of the Investment for the last year with the Reasons why the whole List ordered has not been complyed with.

I have received into Cash here the sum of four thousand eight hundred and forty one Rupees eight and five Pice on account Charles Bourchier Esqr. Commissary General for seapoy stoppages for Cloathing and have of this date drawn on you in his favor at the rate of 350 Rupees ₹ Pagodas for Current Pagodas Thirteen hundred and eighty three ten fanams and forty four Cash payable ten days after sight which I am to request your you [*sic*] will be pleased to honor.

Inclosed is an Indent for Medicines which being much wanted I am to request your Compliance with

I return your Honour &c^{a}. thanks for the Permission you have been pleased to grant me of coming up for a few days to settle my Affairs which I take this Opportunity of making use of and am very respectfully

Masulipatam
27th. January 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient and most
humble Servant,
John Pybus.

Account Investment for the year 1763.

	Quantity Ordered	Quantity sent.	Reasons why the Orders were not fully complied with.
Long Cloth Ordinary ..	16000	9240	The dearness and scarcity of Cotton. The want of money in the beginning of the year to make the 25 ₹ % Advance to the Merchants conformably to the Terms of their Contract which could not be done for some time afterwards.
Long Cloth Midling	10000	6480	
Long Cloth Fine	5000	3840	
Salempores Ordinary ..	5000	..	The Extraordinary large sums of Money thrown into the Country by the Dutch more than usual & the great Prices given by them for all sorts of Goods which has greatly enhanced the value of Calicoes in general & rendered the English Merchants Gomastashs in capable of buying up Cloths in the Buzars upon the same times as the Dutch Gomastahs who pay a greater price. The Dearness this year of Provisions which and the great demand for goods has increased also the Price of Labour.
Do. Midling	4000	..	
Do. Fine	2500	..	
			None made as being considered detrimental to the Investment of Long Cloths.
Izzarees superfine	400	400	
Morees super fine for Washg.	800	..	The Musters sent not approved.
Lampass Morees Fine ..	500	..	
Moorees Ordinary	1000	..	
Matchilipatam Romalls ..	3000	3400	
Sastracundeer	4000	4400	
Callowapores	1000	1000	
Allijars	800	800	

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Masulipatam
27th. January 1764.

John Pybus.

N°. 13.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &c^a. Council

at Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

We have received your several Letters of Packets by the Houghton Hector, Falmouth, Neptune and Hawke, the Particulars of them we shall answer by the Sabut Jung which will leave this Place the latter end of December bound directly for Madrass.

The large supplies of Treasure sent from your Presidency, and from Bengal, will enable us with the 30 Chests from England, nearly to load the nine ships now arriv'd. But the unforunate want of money at Manilha which has obliged the Deputy Governor and Council of that place to take 44 Chests of our Treasure from the Hawke and Houghton will prevent any stock being left in the Residents Hands so far from it, that we imagine at the Departure of the ships we shall have contracted a Debt of about 60,000 Tales.

The Valentine arrived and anchor'd off the Islands to the Eastward the the 29th of September, but has blown off the Coast by a hard gale of Wind, and has not been heard of since. We imagine Captain Fernell is gone back either to Batavia or Malacca the Glatton and Pocock have in all Probability lost their Passage so that it is most likely there will be less than twelve ships here next year which will take £400,000 to load them. In such a Situation Gentleman you must be sensible that an early supply will be of the greatest Consequence to the Company's Affiairs here & We are convinced you will do every thing in your Power to promote it.

The Earl Temple left Batavia the 29th. of May with a design to repair at Manilha, and proceed hither but she has not been heard of since, and by Accounts from Manilha we have reason to fear she is lost on that Coast.

M^r. Dalrymple quitted the Neptune at Manilha in order to collect the Debts owing to the Company at Sooloo, The following is part of his Letter to us.

I have come to the resolution of returning to Sooloo in hopes this Step will be the most effectual measure for collecting the Companys concerns at Sooloo which amount to about 70,000 Dollars, As you must be fully sensible how necessary it is that the Ship intended to take this abroad arrive early not only on account of the Inconvenenence of loading her at a Place so little frequented, but as her presence may be usefull in awing those who might be inclin'd to be deficient & prevent any Injury from the Dutch which there is reason to suspect. I am to request that if there be any Ship you cannot provide for, she may be sent to Sooloo as the early arrival of one from India must be very precarious.

This we thought proper to insert as it is impossible for us to send a Ship to him from hence and perhaps after the Troops are embarked from Manilha you may be able to send one early in the Season.

We shall endeavour to assist in transporting the Chinese from Manilha to Bencoolen to the utmost of our Power.

The following is a Paragraph of the Dputey Governor and Council's Letter from Manilha by the Hawke. Major Fell having disobey'd the Orders of the Governour encouraged a Mutiny in the Garrison and Committed other high Offences, proceeds by his Permission on the Hawke on his Parole of Honor to deliver himself to the Gentlemen at Madras, the Governor desires you will

endeavour to procure him a Passage on the Saubut Jung or any Vessel that may be destin'd for that Place, and to prevent his leaving Canton in any foreign Ship.

This we insert for your Information,

CANTON
8TH. NOVEMBER 1763.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Humble servants

THOMAS FITZHUGH.
SAMUEL BLOUNT.
HENRY REVELL.
HILLARY TORRIANO.
NATHANIEL GARLAND.
ALEXANDER HUME.
MANN HORNER.
BENJ: TORIN.
THOS. SMITH.
ROBT. INO. HARRISON.
WILLIAM ROUS.
THOS. BEVAN.

LIST OF SHIPS AT CANTON—1763.

Of what Nation.	Ships Names.	Commandars.	When Arrived.	When sail'd.
English	Grosvenor ..	Saunders ..	March	23d.
Danes	Princess Louisa.	Knee	June	23d.
English	Havanah ..	Madge ..	July	25th.
Do. ..	Egmont ..	Mears		26th.
Dutch	Huyste by Weg.	Dirk Mastricht.		27th.
Do.	Sloen	Hagezop ..	Augt.	10th.
Swede	Prince Charles.	Rundsten ..		10th.
Dutch	Wester Weld ..	Hans Burns ..		17th.
Dane	Queen Juliana Maria.	Holm	Septr.	2d.
English	Britannia ..	Rous		3d.
Do.	Houghton ..	Smith		3d.
French	Choiseuil ..	Rosbo		3d.
Do.	Beaumont ..	Brumaniere ..		3d.
Do.	La Paix ..	De la Londe ..		4th.
English	Hector ..	Williams ..		25th.
Do.	Cruttenden ..	Bowland ..		27th.
Swede	Bickson Stander ..	Sheirman ..	Octr.	10th.
English	Falmouth ..	O'Hara ..		14th.
Dane	King of Denmark.	Smith		13th.
English	Saubut Jung ..	Scot		22d.
Do.	Neptune ..	Stewart }	Novr.	5th.
Do.	Hawke ..	Cotton }		

PRICE CURRENT OF GOODS AT CANTON Novr. 4th. 1763.

			Ta.
Amber	℔ Catty		20
do. false	℔ Pecul		15
Beetle Nut Batavia & Malacca	Do.		7 Ta
Do. Cochin China	Do.		7 a 8
Cochineal	℔ Catty		11 a 12
Cow Bezoar	Do.		14 a 15
Birds Nests transparent	Do.		8 a 19
Do. 2d. Sort	Do.		5 a 6
Camphire Borous's head	Do.		12
Belly	Do.		6
Foot	Do.		1
Catch Pegue black	℔ Pecul		10
Do. White	Do.		5
Cotton Surat	Do.		11
Cloves free of Worms	Do.		85 a 90
Dragons Blood	Do.		11
Elephants Teeth 3 to a Pecuel	Do.		42
4 to do.	Do.		41
5 to do.	Do.		39
6 to do.	Do.		37 Mace.
Flints	Do.		— 9
Ginsang Canada Fine	℔ Catty		3 to 4 Dolrs Mace.
Gocul	Pecul		℔ 4 to 5
Oblibanum	Do.		
Lead	Do.		4 1 Mace
Do. Red	Do.		4 1 Do.
Myrrah best sort	Do.		20 —
Nutmegs	Do.		
Pepper Malabar	Do.		17 —
Do. Java	Do.		7 7
Do. Long	Do.		3 —
Putchuck	Do.		
Rattans Ta	Do.		2 2
Rosumalloes has been sold for 20 ℔ Pecul but a Quantity is on hand sufficient for ten years Consumption			
Sago	Do.		2 5
Sharkes Tins very good	Do.		25@27
Smalts best sort	Do.		20 —
Stick Lack —	Do.		3 —
Swallow Black 1st Sort	Do.		28 @ 30
Do. 2d do.	Do.		18
Do. 3d do.	Do.		8
Do. White	Do.		4
			Ta. m.
Tin	Do.		12m 3 @ 12 5
Sandal Wood 1st Sort	Do.		18
2d Do.	Do.		15
3d Do.	Do.		12
Sandal Wood ℔ Britannia 1 & 2d sort together	Do.		19
Coral Beads Branch Coral Pearls & seed Pearls their Prices according to their Quality.			

N°. 14.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We sent our Last advices to you, by the Royal Charlotte, which sail'd from hence the 23d. June 1762 and have received your Letters of the 17th. April and 9th. of November 1762.

We request you will send for the use of this Place, fifteen pieces of Long Cloth, at twelve Pagodas ℔ Piece thirty Pieces at five Pagodas ℔ Piece, forty pieces at four Pagodas ℔ Piece, sixty Pieces at three Pagodas ℔ Piece and the rest of the one ℔ Cent in Arrack, Rice, and Paddy.

This waits on you by the Ship Egmont bound to China; and enclosed you will receive a List of Ships Arrival and Departure to, and from this Place since the 23d. June 1762.

St. Helena

15th. April 1763.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Chas. Hutchinson.
John Skottowe.
M. Purling.
Thos. Kirckpatrick.

LIST OF SHIPS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TO AND FROM ST. HELENA SINCE THE 28TH JUNE 1762 VIZT.

Ships.	Commanders.	Arrival.	Departure.
Crown Prince of Denmark—Dane.	Elphinston	29th June 1762 ..	4th July 1762.
Warren	Alphonsus Glover ..	23d July Do. ..	16th Argt. Do.
Schoonzight Dutch.	Pieters	31st Do. Do. ..	6th Do. Do.
York	Peter Lascellas ..	1st Augt. Do ..	16th Do. Do.
Calcutta	George Thompson ..	2d September Do. ..	3d October Do.
His Majesteys ship Sea Horse.	Robert Jocelyn ..	3d February 1763 ..	10th February 1763.
Earl of Elgen ..	Arthur Evans ..	7th Do. Do. ..	17th Do. Do.
Godolphin	Collingwood Roddard.	15th Do. Do. ..	25th March Do.
Admiral Watson ..	Francis Fowler ..	..	7th Do. Do.
Fox .. .	Alexander Hume ..	23d February 1763.	23d March 1762.
Vosmaar Ammerengen Dutch.	Hautpene .. .. / Speke	26th March Do.	27th Do. Do.
Tilbury	Roger Mainwaring ..	29th Do. Do.	15th April Do.
Egmont .. .. / Queen, Sophia .. / Magdalena Danes ..	Charles Mears .. / Dixon	4th April Do.	11th Do. Do.
Prince Frederick ..	Mielk	5th Do. Do.	

N°. 15.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have Received your letters of the 19th. Ultimo and 2d. Instant.

I am Concern'd your Honr. &ca. should have the least cause for Objecting to my Accounts, having Endeavoured every thing in my Power/as I thought to prevent it, by making no new Charge or defray any Expence, but what had been made before & met with your Approbation.

You are pleased to Object to my House Rent & Order me to make a deduction of 5 Pagodas ℔ Month (the sum Charged) from the End of September, but dire Time to draw, the same Allowances as the late Chief. This I conceive (with submission) to be an Error & that the Gentlemen who made the Observation did not recollect, that Mr. Turner made a Charge of Twenty five Pagodas ℔ Month; Whereas, I have only drawn Five & should not have done that, had here been Even a Godown of the Companys, that I could have lived in.

Upon inquiry I find Andrew Pilot the French Prisoner, was sent here, by Major Preston so long ago as the 13th. November 1762 for the Cure of a Disorder in his Eyes, after being twenty Months in the Hospital at Trichenopalay without receiving any benefit by it & is now deem'd incurable.

The Charge of four fanams for Digging a Grave for an European soldier; had long been admitted or should not have Appear'd in my Accounts. In future it shall not be Continued & the Head of Hospital Charges shall be Exected, [*sic*] making it a Constant Rule; for every Mans Name to be inserted in the Surgeon's Account of that Charge, agreeable to Your Directions.

Upon what footing either Mr. Tinolair or Mr. Buchanan came into the Companys Service I was (before I received your Honour &cas. Letter) Unacquinted with, Especially, the former, on which Account, I am at a Loss to know, how he came to receive Pagodas 21–7 for September Subsistence instead of 15, any more than this, that he went in that Month by Permission of Mr. Pigot to Madras & when he returnd, drew Pay as Surgeon which Rank he said he had Obtain'd & immediately went to Camp, but by what Authority, I am entirely unacquainted with, Information of this Kind being never given, for a Guide.

Ramalingah, the Porto Novo Mercht. is now upon forwarding by Bullocks to your Presidency Long Cloth 12 Call Eighteen (18) Corge, Chinnamanaickpollam Four Corge, sixteen Pieces (4—16) Worriarpollam, Eighteen (18) Corge.

I am with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Calland.

Cuddalore,
6th. Febry 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand.

Embaled	...	...	200
Washers	...	...	12½
Beaters	...	...	33¾
	Bales	...	246¼

No. 16.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Lord Clive arrived here, the 7th. Instant and after Landing the Gunpowder & taking in seventeen Head of Cattle proceeded on her Voyage the 9th Mr. Tierney & Mr. Hunter would readily, have accepted of the Opportunity of returning by her, to Bencoolen, but being destitute of Necessaries and having some Affairs to settle at Madrass, made them desirous of waiting till another Conveyance offer'd.

Enclosed are the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month and I remain with Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Calland.

Cuddalore
11th. February 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand

Washers	... ...	$12\frac{1}{2}$
Beaters	... ...	$19\frac{1}{4}$
Dyers	... ...	$\frac{1}{2}$
Embaled	... ...	214
Bales	...	$246\frac{1}{2}$

No. 17.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have Received your Letter of the 4th. Instant & in reply to it beg leave to acquaint you, that had I made use of the House the late Chief hired in Cuddalore, I should not have made any Charge of House Rent, but so far from it, that had I been inclined to have lived in it, I could not have done it without, risking ts falling? When Mr. Turner went from here, part of it was supported by Props, and a greater Part has since by the same means. Tis Certain, there still remains some Palmeiras, on a part of the Ground & the Keys, have Continued in the hands of the Peon that kept them when that Gentlemen was here, but merely for want of some Person to deliver them to, here being no body Authorized to receive them. Ramahlinga the Porto Novo Merchant is now upon Exporting by Boat, Long Cloth Fine seven Corge, Four Pieces (7–4) Worriarpollam, Three (3 Corge & Chinnamanaickpollam, Four Corge Four Pieces (4—4) The French Prisoner (Andrew Pilot) comes also by the same Conveyance. I am with due Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servant
John Calland.

Cuddalore
21st. February 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand.

Embaled	... ...	233
Dyers	... ...	$\frac{1}{2}$
Beaters	... ...	$12\frac{3}{4}$
Bales	...	$246\frac{1}{4}$

No. 18.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the honor to receive your several favors of the 19th. & 25th. Ultimo and 1st. Instant.

As much of our Cloth as is possible shall be bleeched, & the remainder shall agreable to your Orders be sent up brown.

We have again desired Captain Swaine to Survey the Europe Cable in our Stores & he reports it to be worth six Rupees ℔ hundred weight, at which Price we have disposed of it & the difference conformable to your directions shall be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

Agreeable to your Honor &c^{a}. permission the Guard Houses shall be repaired, & We beg leave to assure you that the greatest Economy and frugality shall be observed therein and nothing done to them but what absolute necessity requires.

As you do not approve of the Chiefs charging the same Allowance as M^{r}. Heath received for the Month of July he will only charge the same Messrs. Stratton & Smith received for that month which we hope your Honor &c^{a}. will approve of.

The Chief returns your Honor &c^{a}. many thanks for appointing him of Council as does also M^{r}. Stratton & he will accordingly take the first Opportunity of Proceeding to Madras.

Upon receit of your Honor &c^{as}. directions relating to the Package of the Honble Companys Bales, M^{r}. Stratton the Warehouse keeper, shewed us an Account of the real Cost attending this Charge, the particulars of which we beg leave to inclose you for your Information, by which you will observe he must be a looser if he contracts to pack them at two Current Pagodas ℔ Bale; We therefore flatter ourselves you will let it remain on the Old footing as we cannot immagine it is your Intention that the Warehouse Keeper should be a looser.

We now enclose your Honor &c^{a}. an Indent for Wares & Stores wanted at this Settlement which we request you will be pleased to comply with by the first Opportunity also such other Articles as M^{r}. Heath had before indented for and which are not mention'd in this Indent. The large Cables and Anchors inserted in case at any time, any of our Honble Masters Ships or Vessels, should put in here in distress we may have it in Our Power to assist them which We flatter ourselves will meet with your Approbation.

Enclosed you have the accounts of this settlement for the months of December and January.

We have the honor to remain with perfect Respect,

VIZAGAPATAM
15TH. FEBRUARY 1764.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
humble Servant,
JOHN SMITH.
GEO. STRATTON.
CHA^{S}. SMITH.

ACCOUNT PARTICULARS OF THE CHARGES ATTENDING THE PACKAGE OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S BALES AT VIZAGAPATAM.

For 12 Bales of Long Cloth ordinary white Viz^{t}.—

	md.	lb.						
Gunnys 27 P^{s}. @ 4 ℔ Rupee..					Rs.	6	12	0
Ropes 4	20	@	Rs. 18 ℔ Candy			4	5	4
Twine 1	11	@	30 D^{o}.			2	2	6
Wrappers Long Cloth 5 Pieces						30	—	—
Wax Cloth Viz^{t}.—								
Long Cloth 2 P^{s}. tore up into 8 ℔				Rs.	12	—	—	
Wax 46 lb. @ 8¼ ℔ Maund ..					15	2	10	
Turmerick					1	—	—	
						28	2	10
				Carried over ..		71	6	8

ACCOUNT PARTICULARS OF THE CHARGES ATTENDING THE PACKAGE OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S BALES AT VIZAGAPATAM—*cont.*

	Brought forward ..			71	6	8
Cotton 1 Maund & beating it	8	8	—			
Oil for the Ropes	—	8	—			
For 12 Bales of Long Cloth midling or Fine white Vizt.—						
The same quantity of materials as above with the following addition Vizt.				80	6	8
Gunneys 3 ℔	—	12	—			
Wax Cloth ¾ ℔	10	9	—			
Wrappers Do...	4	8	—			
			Rs.	96	3	8
Cost of Packing 12 Bales of Long Cloth ordinary.	80	6	8			
Do. 12 Do. of Do. Midg. or fine.	96	3	8			
	176	10	4 at			
350 ℔ % is	Currt.		Pags.	50	16	74
24 Bales at Currt Pags ℔ Bale			..	48	—	—
				C. Pags.		
Lost in the Package of 24 Bales			..	2	16	74

GEORGE STRATTON.

VIZAGAPATAM THE 15th.

FEBRUARY 1764.

INDENT FOR WARES AND STORES WANTING AT THIS SETTLEMENT VIZt.

					Pieces.
Broad Cloth Super Fine Scarlet					12
Do. Fine scarlet					24
Do. Aurra					12
Do. Ordinary Red					6
Do. Green					12
Do. Midling Grass Green					6
Perpetuanoes Ordinary—					
Scarlet	12	—	—		
Green	12	—	—		
Orange	12	—	—		
					36

GEORGE STRATTON.

Wareho Kr.

1 anchor	34 C. Wt.
1 Do.	15
1 Do.	13
1 Do.	11
1 Do.	9
2 Do.	7 and 8
1 Cable	14 or 15 inches.
1 Cable	13
1 Do.	12
1 Do.	11

4 Bolts Canvas		N. 1
4 D°.		3
8 D°.		4
3 M^d^. Europe Sewing Twine		
100 Sail Needles		
24 Bolt Rope D°.		
12 Brass Box Compasses		
12 Wooden D°.		
12 Half hour Glasses		
12 Half Minute D°.		
6 Quarter Minute D°.		
Tarr 10 Barrels		
12 Deep Sea Lines		
12 Hand Lines		
24 Log Lines		
Nails of sorts 4 Candy.		
Pump and scupper Nails ..		2 Maund of each.
Iron		20 Candy.
Mattans		30 Bundles.
Stationary		1 Chest.
Horn Lanthorns		12
Pad Locks Large		2 Dozen, Iron Locks 12. Brass Locks 12.
Sheathing Nails		2 Candy.
Spectacles		10 Gross.
1 Shroud Hawser		6 Inches.
1 D°.		5 D°.
1 Coils of Rope		4½ D°.
2 D°.		4 D°.
4 D°.		3½ D°.
4 D°.		3 D°.

CHARLES SMITH,
Storekeeper.

N.B.—We are deficient in all kinds of Military Stores.

N°. 19.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The accompanying is triplicate of our Letters of the 31st. Ultimo since when your favour of the 12th. giving cover to a Packet from Bengal has been duely received from which we are truely concerned to perceive the Gentlemen there will not be able to dispatch home more than three ships of this season and as they likewise acquaint us that it is very uncertain whether they will have it in their Power to afford us any supplies of Salt Petre we have great reason to fear we also shall be deficient in this respect tho as we cannot from the advices hitherto received exactly ascertain the quantity of Pepper we may be able to procure upon the Coast; we can only at present say that nothing in our Power shall be omitted to secure as much as possible and that we shall most chearfully co-operate with you and the Gentlemen at Bengal in any measures which may be concerted for employing such ships as for want of Tonnage must necessarily be detained in the Country in order as much as possible to ease our Honble Masters of the heavy expence they will incur by Demorage.

The Speaker arrived here the 5th. Instt. and we propose returning her to Europe directly she brought a Packet for your Honour &ca. but as the Honble Court have ordered it to be forwarded by the first safe conveyance which we do not look upon a Patamar to be and as the Pitt in all Probability must be arriv'd with its Duplicate we have kept it for the first Opportunity which may offer by sea.

His Majesty Ship Weymouth having in a Gale of Wind off Cape Comorin in her Passage to this Coast carried away her masts and been otherwise so much damaged as to oblige her to repair to this place to refit, arrived here accordingly the 22d. Instant and left the admiral at Cochin whence we learn he sail'd the 27th. Ultimo for the Cape and as the Elizabeth left Tellicherry the same Day for Cochin and was not not arriv'd there the 2d. Instant we conclude she joined the Admiral in her Passage.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Chas. Crommelin.
Thos. Byfeld.
J. Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Samuel Court.

Bombay Castle
29th. January 1764.

No. 20.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Letter of the 3d. Instant The Merchants, I have directed to proceed to Madras, as fast as possible, some are sett out & the Rest will shortly follow, with such a Quantity of their turn'd out Cloth. as they may think proper, to have with them.

Enclosed are the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month. Also the Account of Torn Cloth in the last Investment, which I must request your Honor &ca. directions about, since I have taken the Quantity I wanted for Wrappers & Wax Cloth & find the Washerman not in a Capacity of paying for the rest.

I am with the greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
John Calland

Cuddalore
7th. March 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand.

Beaters	...	$12\frac{3}{4}$
Dyers	...	$\frac{1}{2}$
Embaled	..	233
Bales	...	$246\frac{1}{4}$

ACCOUNT OF CLOTH TORN AT WASHING OUT OF THE INVESTMENT OF 1763.

		Torn in Sundry Places.		Torn at the Ends.
Long Cloth fine	.. .. ..	7		1
Ditto Salam	.. ..	56		4
Ditto Shealy	.. ..	13		1
Ditto Chinnamannaickpollam		.. 54		2
Ditto Woriarpollam	.. .. ..	48		5
Salempores	30 1			
D°. 32 Covids	21 —	.. ..	51	1
		178	51	14

CUDDALORE
29TH. FEBRUARY 1764.

JOHN CALLAND.

N°. 21.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have been honoured with your Command of the 25th. Ultimo, in conformity to which, have acquainted Taddapollah Ramaniah Arrack Renter of this Place, of your having been pleased to renew his Cowle of that Farm.

Your Orders in regard to collecting the Revenues of these Districts in Rupees and reserving as much of that specie as I am able, shall be most puntually observed.

I am very respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your very Obedient humble Servant
GEORGE DAWSON

MASULIPATAM
2D. MARCH 1764

N°. 22.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Diligent Snow, Captain Thomas Forrest being under Dispatch for Bengal, We cannot ommit acknowledging the Receipt of your Honour &ca Letter dated the 20th. June ℔ Snows Greyhound & Leopard & another dated July ℔ Ship Prince Henry & Snow Luconia purposing to reply fully thereto by the Plassey which is now preparing to proceed to your Presidency in the mean time We are to acquaint you, that We already find ourselves greatly distressed for want of Dollars, for the purchasing of Pepper the Consignment, by the Europe ships, barely discharging what we were in Arrear. The Ballance of our Cash at present consisting mostly of Rupees, which only pass Current here, and that with difficulty, We are therefore earnestly to request the sum of (£15000) fifteen thousand pounds sterling in Spanish Dollars should We receive any Consignment in the Interim your Compliance therewith, cannot be prejudicial to our Honble Masters as We shall take care to remit surplus Cash to Canton.

	Tons.	Cwt.	Qr,	lbs.
The Valentine Captn. William Fernell sail'd for Canton with	330	6	1	7

of Pepper.

The Glatton Captain Richard Doveton arrived here the 29th. July & the Pocock, Captain Benjamin Hooke the 3d. Augt. The Valentine having received all the Pepper collected here, & the season being too late for sending them to the southern Settlements We were oblig'd to dispatch them to Canton with their Europe Investment, & they accordingly sailed the 13th. Day of September. We remain with due Regard.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. humble Servants

Roger Carter.
Henry Idell.
George Scott.
Robert Nairne.
John Herbert.

Fort Marlbro
21st. November 1763.

No. 23.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

After a very tedious Passage we reached Malacca the 31st. July where Captain Steward thought it necessary to water and the 2d. Augt. the London much to my surprize arrived here.

I conceived it would be of no consequence for the London to proceed immediately to Manilha, as the Hector who with the Britannia came hither in Company with us will undoubtedly arrive before she could; I therefore propose to take the London with us as her Presence may be useful to the Neptune & as it will affard me an Opportunity of sending Advices to Manila However to prevent any considerable delay in our Passage by keeping the London company we shall not lose time for her & the Commander has my Directions in case of our Parting from him to make the best of his way to Manila & I have wrote by the Hector to the Gentlemen there of these Measures.

The Beaumont, Brumanure from Europe for China, last from Mauritius arrived at Malacca with us—there are three ships of the same Burthen (at 800 Tons or more) intended for Canton this season the other two are named the Penthiorre & Choisoucil. There are also here a French Sloop with [*sic*] sailed from Trankebar for the French Islands but being leaky bore away for Malacca to here she has been about two Months.

The Houghton left this Place about 25 Days ago.

I leave this to be forwarded to you from Malacca thô I did not suppose an Opportunity will offer sooner than from Manilha or China. I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. humble servt

Alexander Dalrymple.

Ship Neptune in
Malacca Road
4th. Augt. 1763.

N°. 24.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Letter under date the 12th. Instant.

The Pitt arriving here the 11th. at Night, I have now the Pleasure to dispatch her to your Honor &c^a. with Two Hundred & thirty three Bales of Good Cloth & five of Torn & Damaged in all (238) Bales, as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading herein Enclosed I am with perfect Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servt.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
14th. March 1764.

Remains in the Godown of different Sortments $6\frac{1}{4}$ Bales.

N°. 25.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

As you are now Entering into a New Contract with the Merchants of this Place, for an Investment for the Year ensuing, I think it but proper to make known to you the trouble I found in the last, by the Merchants having the Dying of the half Pieces. Out of seventy Bales sent by the Plassey upwards of Fifty of them were turn'd back & resorted, three or four times over, & after all I was so tir'd out that several Pieces were taken that ought to have been rejected merely from the Merchants not affording sufficient to the Dyers for their Hire & giving the Cloth, the proper Colour, or Else, from having the Money, in their hands & being indifferent about it To prevent the like in future, I beg leave to purpose to your Honor &c^a. Consideration, The Contract with the Merchants to be only for the Cloth & the Dying part, to be put, upon the footing of the Washing. The Warehouse keeper to have the Dyers under him & to be accountable for the Colour of one as well as Washing the Other. This Method taken, will I conceive not only save a great deal of trouble in looking after the Merchants but this part of the Investment, Will be much Quicker & better Executed, then what it has been of late & will I am certain be the means of Increasing of it considerably.

I am with due Deference,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
John Calland.

Fort St. George
16th. March 1764.

N°. 26.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favoured with your Honor &c^as. Letter of the 13th. Ultimo and agreable thereto, Lieutenant Smith set off for the Presidency some Days since over land; & Mr. Stratton left this Place at the same time with him.

As Lieutenant Smith is now gone we hope we shall shortly see the Officer Your Honour &c^{a}. intend sending in his room.

There is in this Garrison one Jacob Teal an Invalid serjeant, who ever since has been here has rceeived only his five Pagodas a Month, & has not been allowed any Cloathing; We therefore request your Honor &c^{a}. will permit us to charge the full Serjeants Pay for him in order that the usual stoppages may be made for his Cloathing, as he has several times applied to us for the same. This We imagine to have arose from an Omission in M^{r}. Heaths not having charged his full pay at first.

We have for a long time past been in daily Expectations of a Vessell from the Bay M^{r}. Vansittart having promised thro' M^{r}. Downs the Chiefs Correspondent that he would send One to take in the Honble Companys Bales which have now been ready some time, & the Number of them is expressed at the foot hereof.

We have the honor to remain with the utmost Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. & most Obliged
humble servants
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{s}. SMITH.

VIZAGAPATA^{M},
THE 6TH. MARCH 1764.

Cloth on hand.

Embaled.

L.C.O.W.	74		
B.	21		
		95	
L.C.M.W.	38		
B.	11		
		49	
L.C.F.W.	23		
B.	5		
		28	
Bales ...		172	

In the Warehouse.

L.C.O. Corge	24	9
L.C.M.	7	1
L.F.C.	7	10
Corge ..	39	0

N°. 27.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is to Accompany Long Cloth fine Ten Corge, Eight Pieces (10–8) Chinnamanaickpollam Five Corge, Eight Pieces (5–8–) & Worriarpollam, Eight Corge, Sixteen Pieces (8–16) belonging to Ramah Linga, which he Exports by Boat.

I am Respectfully,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servt.
JOHN CALLAND.

CUDDALORE
21ST. MARCH 1764.

N°. 28.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to Accompany Long Cloth Salam 403 Pieces, Salampores Midling 292 Sheally 77 Long Cloth Fine 38—Soot Romals Red 185 & Blue 280 Pieces, which with Five Hundred Pieces of Different sortments, sent your Honour &ca. by the Pitt, Contains all the Turn'd out Cloth, that Remains in the Godowns here belonging to the Merchants, The rest of their Cloth having been taken away by them at different times, as it suited them. The short Measures I have not sent & have fixed a seal on Each Parcell of this, to prevent its being changed & that you may be assured tis the same that I have rejected, all which I must request may be compared with the Musters I sorted it by when I don't doubt but your Honor &ca. will be convinced, that the Merchants have had justice done them, in the sortings by the Rejected Cloth, being inferior to Muster fifteen & Twenty ℔ Cent, some of it much more.

I am Respectfully,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servt.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
24th. March 1764.

N°. 29.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letters of the 4th. & 8th. January, the former giving Cover to an Account Current with his Majestys 89th. Regiment and a Bill of Exchange for Rs. 1600 on Major Hector Munro, both of which were accordingly tender'd to that Gentlemen for Payment which he however declined, as you will please to observe by the Enclosed Copy of his letter to our Secretary in reply to our Demand We therefore now return the Account and Bill that you may take the necessary measures for recovering the Amount of each.

The Speaker will sail in a Day or two to fill up upon the Coast for Europe.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obeditnt Servants
Chas. Crommelin.
Thoms. Byfeld.
John Spencer.
Chas. Waters.
Samuel Court.
Cevil Bowyer.

Bombay Castle
1st. March 1764.

To Andrew Ramsay Esqr.

Sir

I'm just now favoured with yours of the 7th. February enclosing me an Account of Money advanced by the Presidency of Madrass to different Gentlemen for the use of his Majestys 89th. Regiment Please to acquaint the Board

that I have paid all the money Major Duff had at Madrass, that I sent round in January last to Lieutenant to Lieutenant [*sic*] Bailie One Years Pay for himself and Detachment & desired he would pay out of that Money any Cash he received from that Presidency, so that he has now ere discharged any Debt he had contracted for himself & Detachment at Madras therefore Governour & Council will be pleased to return his Draught upon me now to that Presidency. In regard to what money Major Scott received at Madrass I am entirely ignorant of it as he never wrote to me on the subject nor desired me to pay any Money for him there, besides if I am inclineable to pay it without having any Advice from him about it, I have not near money sufficient to discharge his Debt, and to subsist the remainder of the 89th. Regiment now here so that his Account must be returned to Madrass, in order to be sent to England.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Hector Munro.

Zilla Nova
8th. February 1764.

(A true Copy)

Andrew Ramsay
Secy.

No. 30.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying are Duplicate of our Letters of the 1st. & 2d. Instant & having since received by the way of Bussorah a List of Ships taken up for India this season, even now enclose Copy thereof for your Notice requesting you will please to forward it to the President & Council at Fort William.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Chas. Crommelin.
Thos. Byfeld.
John Spencer.
Chas. Water.
Samuel Court.
Cevil Bowyer.

Bombay Castle
4th. March 1764.

No. 31.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now the honor to enclose you the Accounts of this Settlement for the last Month.

We beg your Honor &c^{a}. will be so kind as to comply with our Indent as soon as you conveniently can, particularly the Stationary, as We have scarcely any Paper to write on We have the honor to remain with Respect,

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Obliged
humble Servant,
John Smith.
Charles Smith.

Vizagapatam
the 16th. March 1764.

Cloth on Hand.

	Bales
Embaled	172
At the Wash.	
L C O	C 28 17
L C M	8 12
L C F	8 16
Corge	46 5

N°. 32.

To the Hon̄ble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
at Fort St. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Since writing you under Date the 30th. of December, whereof a Duplicate is herewith transmitted, We have received your Letter of the 22^{d}. November by our Hon̄ble Masters Ship British King which arrived safe at Ingellee the 18th. Ultimo.

We now dispatch to you the Deptford with 250 Tons of Salt Petre and a small Quantity of Rice, agreable to the Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed in her Packet, and We hope that she may arrive with you so as to be fill'd up and sent Home in due time.

The President having received Advice from the Chief of Vizagapatam, that about two hundred Bales of your Investment are laying at that Place for want of a conveyance to carry them to Madras, We station'd the Coote Schooner to proceed thither and perform this service, and she will accordingly be ready to sail in a few Days.

Enclosed We transmit you an Extract of the British Kings Invoice of the 30 Chests Small Arms which you wrote us you had detain'd and We desire you will give us due Credit for the Amount being £ Sterling 1370–16–3 or Current Rupees 10966–7–9.

As soon as our Assay Master has been able to inspect the Condition of the Mint Stores landed from the British King We shall order you such as supply of parting Glasses, as it may appear can be spared.

Since the date of our last Letter, three of the Hon̄ble Companys Ships have arrived here from Bombay with a detachment of Troops which they sent to assist our Affairs, These you will be adviced from the Secret Department are now embark'd for your Presidency to reinforce your Army employ'd in the reduction of Madura. And as we are now certain that the produce of our Investment will not allow of our dispatching more than three ships direct to Europe, We have determined to employ the other ships which will remain on hand in the following manner.

The Lord Mansfield to return to Bombay with 200 Tons of Salt Petre immediately on the arrival of our second Fleet from Patna.

The Bute to proceed to your Place with the remainder of the Bombay detachment, & a supply of Rice, and then to be dispatch'd to Batavia to bring us a Cargoe of Arrack, Timbers & Plank for the Companys use.

The British King to go to China with a Cargo of Cotton & Lead, and fifty thousand Rupees in Money; which We hope will turn out there a stock sufficient to provide her a Cargo for Europe.

The Earl of Middlesex to proceed to the Island of Mauritius with dispatches for the French Government, in order to receive and carry back to Fort Marlbro the Chinese Families which were made Prisoners of War at that Settlement, and after Performing this service to be return'd to Bombay, to go home the first of next season.

According to this Disposition, We hope to be able to dispatch all these ships within the Course of the present Month The Boscawen is also taking on board her Cargo for Europe; and the Pigot will receive Hers as soon as the Remainder of the Investment arrive from the subordinates.

The Osterly having received her dispatches from Europe sail'd from Ingellee the 31st. of December.

In the Deptford's Packet you will find the several Papers relative to the Ship also some others which We desire may be made Numbers of her General Packet to Europe.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

HENRY VANSITTART.
WILLM. BILLERS.
WARREN HASTINGS.
RANDH. MARRIOTT.
HENRY WATTS.
RALPH LEYCESTER.
JOHN BURDETT.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 6TH. FEBRUARY 1764.

No. 33.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have duely received your Favour of the 27th. January and agreeable thereto have sent Directions to our President at Callicut to Transmit us a particular account of the Remains of Timber & Plank fomerly provided for your Presidency and Fort St. Davids where we shall give him the necessary orders for getting the same ready with that you now write for.

His Majestys ship Paleine sailed hence the 28th. Ultimo for Europe.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

WILLM. HORNBY.
TITUS SCOTT.
WILLM. HURT.
THOMAS DAY.
J. W. GLASS.

TELLICHERRY
6TH. MARCH 1764.

N°. 34.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

It is with great concern I inform you that the strong N°. early Currents, and southerly winds we met with retarded us so long in Passing the Streights of Malacca, that the easterly winds prevail'd in the Chinese Seas. and prevented our Getting to Manilha the Common Passage and made me bear away for Batavia, where I arrived the 18th. Ultimo: Our Ruther being so much loosen'd from the Main Piece that we were oblig'd to have it & the Irons Repair'd and were likewise under a Necessity of laying in Provision as my former stock of Provision was almost Expended, which oblig'd me to remain here so long. I shall sail tomorrow to attempt my Passage thro' the Pitts Streights and sail through the Buccadoras for Manilha.

I have taken the Liberty to draw Bills on you for my disbursements on the Ships Account since I left Fort St. George, which I request you will be pleased to Honor, and am with the Greatest Respect

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and most
humble Servant
John Watson.

Ship Revenge
Batavia Road
10th. Decr. 1763.

N°. 35.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Commodore John Watson who sail'd from this Place for Manilha the 11th. Ultimo having left with me the enclosed Pacquet to forward to you, I at the same time lay hold of the Opportunity to acquaint your Honor &ca. that the Glatten commanded by Captain Richard Doveton having been dispatched too late from Bencoolen and Consequently losing her passage by the ordinary track to China, came here 4th. November, and after having taken in provision &ca. proceeded ℔ Pitts passage, Captain Benjamin Hook who left Bencoolen at same time, lost her Passage in the Pocock in same manner arrived here 2d. Ultimo & sails likewise per Pitts Passage in a few Days.

There is now also here repairing the Honble Companys Snow Luconia, who as the Captain says was in a strong gale blown of the Coast of Sumatra, and being unacquainted with the Streights of Sunda, let the Vessel go on shore on a reef which runs off Menlaters Island which Oblig'd them to Cut away their Masts &ca. and they must have unavoidably perished had it not been for the timely assistance I procured them from this place and what they received from His Majestys ship Panther who having lost her Passage to Manilha, was then at unrust refitting, by which means after being anchored Eight days, she was at last every thing being taken out got off.

Commodore Watson being in want of money when herefor the use of the ship. I advanced to him received 2500 on Account of the Honble Company, which has been again repaid me by Messrs. Browne Bourgeois & Alexander as Executors to the late John Mathison Esqr. who unfortunately died here beginning last Month, and I have accordingly indorsed over to above Gentlemen, the Commodores Receipt, to be paid by you to them, with which I make no doubt you will be pleased readily to comply.

As the Luconia must be hove down and sheathed, have now Masts Topmasts, Yards and stores (Her Rigging and every thing being cut away) her outfitt will amount to a considerable Sum, for which if there was any remitters I should draw upon Your Honor &c^{a}. as it is uncertain when there may come a Vessel from Bencoolen, and inconvenient for me to be long in advance.

Since writing the preceeding on Application made to Lieutenant Annesley Browne, he has been pleased to furnsh the Luconia with Canvas for sails & some Cordage, for which I have given a receipt as enclosed and leave the same to be settled by your Honor &c^{a}. as to the price.

By Letters from China four ships are gone from Canton to Manilha, to carry the Chinese to Bencoolen. Nothing further occurring I have the honor to subscribe myself.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servant
JAMES BURNELO.

BATAVIA
4TH. FEBRUARY 1764.

N°. 36.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreably to the advice given you in our Letter by the Deptford, We now dispatch the Cuddalore Schooner to Vizagapatam to take on board the Bales & proceed from thence to your Honour &c^{a}. After performing this service We leave her under your Orders to be returned to us with the first Material Advices.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants,
HENRY VANSITTART.
WILLIAM BILLERS.
WARREN HASTINGS.
RAND^{H}. MARRIOTT.
H. WATTS.
R. LEYCESTER.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 23^{D}. FEBRUARY 1764.

N°. 37.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreable to what the President & Council of Fort William write us under date the 23^{d}. Ultimo the Cuddalore Schooner John Gosling Master imported here the 19th. Instant in the Evening and on her We have now laden and consigned to your Honor &c^{a}. One hundred and fifty Bales of Calicoes on Account our Honble Masters as per the Invoice and Bill of lading, and have this day delivered the Master his sailing orders, Copy of which We now send you enclosed also of those Orders he received from the Presidency of Bengal, the Master of the Cuddalore could not possibly take in the other seventeen Brown Bales, as with what he has now on board he is obliged to carry all his Cables on deck in order to make room for them these Bales will now be unpacked, and the Cloth washed and when sent to the Presidency will be particularly expressed as the remains of the last Years Investment.

Captn. Gosling has been under the necessity of putting ashore here Twelve Casks of different Sorts in order to make Room for the Bales concerning which We request your Honor &cas. Directions.

Conformable to your Honor &cas. orders We now send you the reasons why a larger Quantity of Cloth has not been provided this Settlement in the last Year, and have only to assure you that you may depend on our utmost Endeavours being exerted to promote & increase our Investmt.

We have been favour'd with your Honor &ca's letter of the 14th. by Ensign Haycock who arrived here the 21st. Instant.

We have supplied the Master of the Cuddalore Schooner with Ninety six Matts, to put against the sides of the Vessell by way of Dunnage in order to secure the Bales

We have the Honor to be with great Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient & most Obliged
humble Servants
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES SMITH.

VIZAGAPATAM
24TH. MARCH 1764.

Quantity of Cloth ordered to be Provided.	Pieces.	Quantity of Cloth sent to Madras.	Pieces.	Reasons why a larger Quantity was not sent.
L C O	15,000	L C O	6,736	It has not been in our Power to procure a larger Quantity of either the Ordinary Midling or Fine Cloths as we have taken in every piece that was fit & the Merchants assure us that they were not able to being in more.
L C M	10,000	L C M	3,137	
L C F	5,000	L C F	2,520	
S.O	5,000			
S F	2,000			

N B There remains in the Warehouse of the last Years Investment.

	Ps	
L C O	60	The Salampores Ordinary and Fine could not be provided on equal terms with the Long Cloths, so we did not provide any not having received any particular Orders from the Presidency on that subject.
L C M	440	
L C F	160	

VIZAGAPATAM
24TH. MARCH 1764.

JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES SMITH.

No. 38.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have to inform You that Sadasheverow have fail'd Payment for the Arrack Farm for the February and March Kists, but have sent me word to receive them of Mootah Comrapah, who is I hear at Madrass. As Sadasheverow is himself there and receiving the Rent from this Man, quite unusual though his Partner (or named with him in the Cowle) Your Honor &cs. will

be pleased to inform Yourselves, His reasons for his Neglect & to direct him to be more punctual with regard to the others; for I never receive them without much Opportunity & never According to the time Stipulated by Cowle.

Enclosed are the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month which Concludes me with the greatest Respect

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servant
John Calland.

Cuddalore
10th. April 1764.

N°. 39.

To the Hon̄ble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
at Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you under Date the 6th. and 23^{d}. Ultimo of which Duplicates are now enclosed.

We have since recieved your Letters of the 27th. January and 8th. February.

We now dispatch to you the Bute Captain Maitland, on Board of whom We have laden a supply of Grain & Packing Stuff for the use of your Presidency as ℔ Invoice & Bills of Lading enclosed the former of which amounts to C. R^{s}. 9391—8—.

According to the Advice given you in our Letter by the Deptford, We intend that Captain Maitland after landing his Corgo at your Place shall proceed to Batavia & to provide & bring us a Cargo of Arrack & Timbers We have accordingly put on Board the Ship for this Purpose three Chests of Treasure to his Consignment, A copy of the Invoice of which & of our Letter of Instructions for Purchasing the Batavia Cargo We transmit for your Information. And We request that you will dispatch the Ship thither without Loss of time as We are desirous that she should return, so as to proceed to England early the next Season.

By the Letter address'd to ourselves as well as the Copy of that which you sent us, We observe the Great Want which the Supracargoes at China will be in this ensuing Year for supplies of Money, to provide the Cargoes of the Homeward Bound Ships. The British King is now under Dispatch to them from hence, with a stock of two Lacks of Rupees in ready Money besides a Quantity of Cotton & Lead. But from the Present situation of our affairs We are afraid, it will not be in our Power to give them any further Assistance.

The Pigot for Europe & the Lord Mansfield for Bombay, are also at present under Dispatch & the Boscawen & Middlesex have already received their Dispatches the former the 20th. Ultimo & the latter this day.

We have directed our Sub Treasurer to prevent the Bill of Exchange on the Paymaster of the 84th. Regiment & the amount when received shall be brought to your Credit.

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Serv^{ts}.
Henry Vansittart.
Warren Hasting.
Rand^{h}. Marriott.
H. Watts.
Samuel Middleton.
John Burdett.

Fort William
5th. March 1764.

N°. 40.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to the Orders of the Honourable the President & Council of Fort William dated the 5th. Instant I repair'd on Board the Honourable Companys Ship Bute, The Honourable Captain Patrick Mailand [*sic*] Commander, to Dispatch her to Madrass, and under this cover inclose the Honble Patrick Maitlands Receipt for the Packets directed for your Honor &ca. Council.

I have this day deliver'd the Honourable Patrick Maitland his Dispatches, the inclosed is the Bills of Lading for Goods Laden on Board the said Ship for Madrass.

The Ship now Appears in good Order drows 18 Feet 6 Inches on an even I wish her a safe and speedy Passage to Madrass and am with the greatest Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Richard Dean
Deputy Master Attendant.

Dated on Board the
Bute in Ingellee Road
this 13th. Day of March 1764.

N°. 41.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have now to reply to your Commands of the 1st February and 29th. Ultimo. In answer to the Remark you are pleased to make relating to the Charge of Package on the Bales received from hence & Mandarmalanka, I beg leave to observe that as we have no Screws to assist us in Packing our Bales they will be much larger than those Packed at Madrass and consequently require more Packing Stuff which too being manufactured were purposely for this Bussyness turns out dearer than that from Bengall where it is manufactured in large Quantitys for Exportation To these reasons, I impute the Difference in this Charge between Madrass and the Northern Settlements But with respect to the Bales from hence they shall be packed on the terms you have been pleased to stipulate and you shall be acquainted with Mr. Dolbens answer on this subject so soon as I receive it.

I have forwarded to Mr. Dolben at Bandarmalanka the List of Goods to be provided at that Settlement this Season who I hope will find no difficulty in contracting with his Merchants for the Provision of the whole Quantity. I inclosed him likewise Copy of the Warehousekeeper's Remarks on the Consignment of Goods ℔ Sloop Bandarmalanka to whom I acquainted him his attorney was to be accountable for the amount of the torn Cloth in that Consignment, and transmitted him Copy of that Paragraph of your Commands wherein you are pleased to signify your Approbation of his Conduct in carrying on the Investment and that no time might be lost in setting about this Years I consigned him three days ago fifteen thousand Pagodas by a Vessell bound thither.

I am concerned to find the Chay Goods from hence so generally disappointed. I beg leave to assure you that no Pains of mine have been spared to improve them both in Fabrick & Chay, I have made the Merchants acquainted with the Remarks of your Warehouse Keeper on the last consignment who have promised to be very attentive to the to the [*sic*] improvement of the several Sortments ordered this Year, for which I have contracted with them and made them advances on the same terms as last and I flatter myself the Investment will prove to your Satisfaction.

I have advertised for receiving Proposals for renting the several Farms dependent on this Place expiring the 31st. of next Month for five Years, conformably to your Commands but as yet have received none, and I am not without apprehensions that the Troubles in the Country occasion'd by Shittaramrauze will be a great hindrance to this Bussyness more especially with respect to the Districts farmed by the Mangalore Rajah which amount to near thirty thousand Pagodas annually as the Inhabitants in his Country are continually plundered & harassed by Shitteramrauzes Troops and some of the Companys Villages have shared the same Fate, and so long as he continues involv'd in Troubles it is not to be expected he will burthen himself with Countries which he is not in a Capacity to protect, nor it is probable any others will who are much less so, and who see no prospect of our doing it for them, which indeed with the very inconsiderable force we have here is by no means in our Powers.

I acquainted Mr. Maule which the Indulgence you have been pleased to shew towards him of leaving it in his Choice either to proceed to Vizagapatam in Quality of Surgeon or remains here for which he returns you his thanks but not being disposed to change his Situation Mr. Raine proceeded to Vizagapatam in Conformity with your Appointment.

The ten Washing Stones consigned here by the Diligent have been received & forwarded to Bandarmalanka for the service of which Place they were intended and Account Current Fort St. George shall be duly credited their amount. The remaining ten of the number indented for will be very acceptable when an Opportunity offers.

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit you the Accounts of this Settlement for the three last Months and an Indent for stationary wanted here for the Service of the present Year with which I request your Compliance & am very respectfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. and very
humble Servt.
John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
11th. April 1764.

No. 42.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying is Duplicate of your Advices by the Bute, after closing of which the Assay Master reported to us that he had put on board that Ship one Dozen large and one Dozen & a half small Parting Glasses for the use of your Mint & Assay Office & sent with them a Letter to Mr. Russell your Assay Master.

Enclosed we transmit to your Honor &c^{a}. Packet addressed to the Hon̄ble the Court of Directors containing Triplicates of our Advices by the Boscawen which We hope may arrive in Time for the Deptford; If not we desire it may be forwarded by the first Opportunity

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Humble servants
Henry Vansittart.
Willm. Billers.
Warren Hastings.
Rand^{h}. Marriott.
Samuel Middleton
Ralph Leycester.

Fort William
the 16th. March 1764.

N°. 43.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

The Neptune having a most tedious Passage did not arrive at Sooloo till the 7th. September in the few days between that & the 15th. not many Goods could be received Having received information that some Persons indebted to the Company deliver'd their Goods to the Master of a Javan Sloop to be sold to private People in the Neptune I acquainted the Commander of this Information in Consequence of your Intimation that he was restrained from any Priviledge at Sooloo He had before informed me verbally that he had received no formal Prohibition & that having consulted Persons at Madrass he was assured it was assured it was a restriction he could not be laid under & that be imagin'd your becoming sensible for this had prevented the Secretary from confirming in writing the Restriction he had hinted in Conversation. In reply to my Letter he said that he would be responsible for all consequences.

I receiv'd no Goods aboard for the Company after the 15th. Septr. but as the Javan Vessell had brought Letters from the General of Batavia to endeavour settling an Alliance with the Dutch I thought it was a measure extremely expedient to obtain a Cession for the Company of the South part of Palawan & N^{o}. Part of Borneo with all the intermediate Islands as commanding the Navigation of these Seas which I accordingly obtain'd but the putting it in writing delay'd our Departure from hour to hour till the 19th. when I ordered the Ship to Manila that I might have an Opportunity of consulting with the Administration here on the measures which were to be taken for securing the Companys Property at Sooloo.

I do not at present mean to enter a Detail of Circumstances regarding the Voyage I must however mention that Dato Juhan & Pangleema Milaham two of the three intrusted with the Care of the Commerce died sometime after the Londons Departure Dato Sarapondin who intended to accompany us to Balambangan to make a formal Cession of it in the Sultans Name did not meet us there nor get back to Sooloo for several months so that he was unable to exert his Influence. The Administration here sent a Ship to Sooloo with the Royal Captains Cargo which against the Opinion of Dato Saropodin & Oranky Mallick was immediately distributed so that there was no room for any Disposition of mine on this head The Goods must therefore I conceive be paid for in the manner stipulated in the Agreement. The Ship brought back Goods to the Amount of 5000 Dollars only; The Linguist who negociated all matters between

the Sooloo & the Captain of the Ship inform'd me the Vessell could not take aboard any more the master represents here that the ship was allmost empty. Two Chinese Junks imported this Year at Sibugney one Mindanao whose Cargoes were chiefly composed of the Goods provided for the Company at Sooloo the Owners pretending they could in good time provide another Cargo for us. This was strenuously opposed by Dato Sarapodin Oranky Mallick & some others but the disjointed Government render'd their Endeavours ineffectual. The old Sultan is dead and is succeeded by his son but the People in General are disaffected & he appears to want the Capacity & Experience necessary for his station.

As the Sooloo have by various Accidents got into their Hands a much larger Amount than I ever thought it prudent to trust them with (particularly by the last Quota which being most to their Benefit was a security for their good Behaviour) By this the Death of allmost all the old People who had a share in the Government & other Circumstances the Companys Affairs are very much involv'd I have come to a Resolution of scarifying (*sic*) my Inclination to return this Year to Europe & intend to proceed shortly to Sooloo where I propose to wait till the Arrival of a Ship next year by which time I hope to have collected the greatest part if not next year by which time I hope to have collected the greatest part if not the whole of their Arrears & persuade myself you will repeat your Permission for me to return home by the way of China next season. Besides the situation of the Companys Commercial Concerns that of the Country is a strong Inducement to the resolution I have taken. The Sultan who is now here returns by the first Conveyance but altho his Presence will be the greatest Benefit yet as he is rather violent he may without some Check bring himself into great difficulties still more involve our Affairs. He is willing to settle the Government in a manner which I am fully convinced will redound to the Companys Interest in the highest measure by establishing Sarapodin in the Dominion of Borneo & Palawan.

I flatter myself you will have that Confidence in me as to leave to my Discretion the Management of Affairs next Year but as the Com[l]. of the Neptune behaved with great Imprudence & threaten'd to commit Acts of Violence against the Sooloos I request that the Commander of the Ship destin'd thither may have Directions to behave in such a manner as may not hazard involving the Companys Affairs or bringing them into Discredit by ill treatment of the Bugguese & other strangers as well as the Natives.

As I have reason to be apprehensive from the Disposition I have seen that if there be no pecuniary Advantages tho' Individuals, there is great hazard the ship May not find Sooloo I submit to your consideration how far restraining private Trade of the Commander & Officers is eligible But I beg leave to request that the ship may be sent as early as possible & be positively ordered to call at Balambangan at all Events as I shall take measure either to conduct or direct her from thence & I must also request that she be put under my Directions as soon as there is an Opportunity of receiving them whether or not it be before the arrival at Sooloo.

As not my least Motive for returning to Europe is to attain that Knowledge which I think necessary to qualify me to be useful in life no consideration can induce me to delay that return beyond one Year longer which I beg leave to mention that in case it be thought necessary for any one to continue in this Quarter a proper Person may be appointed from the Coast for this Purpose.

As the whole Amount of the Goods licenced to Individuals by the London & M[r]. Kelsalls Chints in the Neptune is not delivered I presume I may extend the Permission in your last Instructions to the Ship of next Season. There were a few Pieces of different kinds of Cloth which I had aboard not intended for Sale but the People being so desirous of purchasing them I took the Liberty to dispose of them & to make the Produce as part of the returns licensed by

you to taking the Chance of the Sooloos discharging their Debt upon myself I request therefore that you will permit the amount of that also to be sent on the ships to China should I receive it.

As we were put to very great Difficulty for the want of Bags for the sago which prevented our taking aboard near so much as we could otherwise have done I request you will order a Number for this Purpose.

I mention'd to the Supracargoes in China the large sum the Company have at Sooloo that in Case there should be any ship without Cargo she might be sent thither if not wanted for some more important service as there is strong reason to suspect the Dutch will pay a visit to Sooloo next Year I must intreat that if they cannot send any ship from China you will order one as early as possible.

I shall again write you by a Conveyance from hence & have the honor to be

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servant
ALEXANDER DALRYMPLE.

MANILHA
10TH. OCT^{R}. 1763.

N°. 44.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Not being acquainted with the difficulty I were likely to meet in my Passage to Sooloo till after my leaving Madrass I thought it prudent to call at Mallacca being in want of a spare Anchor where with some difficulty I got supply'd I had contrary winds all thro the streights of Mallacca; which made it the 14th. of August before I clear'd Pedro Branca. The 23^{d}. at midnight got sounding on the Coast of Borneo in the Lattitude of 6 10 N^{o}. which coast is very erroneously laid down, being 3° further to the E^{t}. ward and incompass'd with many Dangers unknown At ½ past 3 A.M. brought too, having shoald the water from 125 Fathom mud to 45 F^{m}. Coarse Ground and at day light was about 3 Miles to the W^{t}ward of a single breaker even with the waters Edge, and the appearance of shoal water or 1½ or 2 Miles round it at this time no other land in sight At 8 A.M. after clearing this shoal made a small low Island, which I cannot call by name none being in that situation in any of my Charts At Noon see the Coast of Borneo, dist^{g}. 16 Leagues stood right in for the shore, being ab^{t}. 4 Leagues to the Southward of Abia at 4 P.M. shoald y^{e}. Water from 32 F^{m}. mud to 14 F^{m}. Rocks I then stood off anchor'd in 32 F^{m}. and in the Morning sent the Long Boat ahead, and follow'd her, she soon shoal'd the water to Fm^{s}. Rocks. I stood off and on till the Long Boat was Hull down, who still carried these soundings. The Season being to far advanced to admit of time to find a proper Channel. I thought it imprudent to venture in upon the Coast & accordingly made the best of my way for the Streights of Balabac and for 3 Hours that night run over a bank of Corall Rocks having very irregular soundings from 20 to 12 @ 8 F^{m}. rocks, I got through the streights of Ballabac without any Accident, they are full of dangerous Shoals, and cannot be attempted but by day light with a leading wind, and fair weather.

I anchor'd at Sooloo the 7th. September met with no other Accident, but the loss of one Anchor having had exceeding fine weather.

From Sooloo I sail'd the 20th. of September for Manilha On the Coast of Panay met with contrary winds and Dirty Weather, and had a Narrow Escape of being lost on a Bank said to have 8 Fathom water on it which is

laid down S W^{t}. five or six Leagues from the N end of Panary this Bank proved to be just above the Surface of the Water, and Cannot be seen in the Night a Ships Length, I had so soundings, when passing it at 2 or 3 Miles Distance.

I arrived at Manilha the 3^{d}. of October my People very much jaded here I staid till the 14th. without being able to procure one days fresh Provisions, The 2^{d}. of November I arriv'd off Maco.

In my Passage to Sooloo, from Borneo, I saild by M^{r}. Dalrymples Charts and Instructions, which answer'd perfectly well.

I have sent the Copy of my Journal from Pulo Aroe to Manilha & Y^{e}. Neptunes Track from getting soundings on the Coast of Borneo, to making Cagayan Sooloo.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servant

GABRIEL STEWARD.

CANTON

FEB^{Y}. THE 1ST. 1764.

N°. 45.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL

AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote to your under date of the 8th. of November by a Portuguese Ship from Macao a Duplicate of which, we sent by another Macao Ship that sail'd in December, and a Triplicate comes enclosed.

We now do ourselves the Pleasure of answering the several Letters received from you by the Grosvenor, Houghton, Hector Falmouth Neptune & Hawke.

The Grosvenor arrived here by the Pitts passage the 22^{d}. of March, and having loaded her she was dispatch'd the 8th. of June for England, but did not pass Macao till the 18th. We have since heard that Captain Saunders got safe to Batavia, and left that Place the 14th. of September.

In your Letter of the 8th. of August you seem desirous that we should send some of our homeward bound Ships to Manilha in order to assist in embarking the Troops for Madras. We are by no means, Gentlemen, authorized to give orders for such a deviation, especially as the Companys Instructions enjoin us, in the strongest manner to use every method in your Power to get Chinese conveyed to Bencoolen. The Present Opportunity is the only probable one that has hitherto offered fully to answer this purpose; and if not made use of now, is most likely lost for ever in conformity therefore to the Company's directions & the advices we have received from the Deputy Governour and Council of Manilha, that many of the Chinese of that Place were desirous of going to Bencoolen the Council came to a resolution the 20th. of November to send the Havannah, Cruttenden, Falmouth and Hawke to the former Place, to enable the Gentlemen of that Settlement to send as many Chinese to Fort Marlborough, as those Ships can carry, which we should imagine would be eight hundred or a thousand We have dispatched the Houghton directly to Bencoolen to acquaint the Governor and Council what number of People they are to expect, that they may be better prepared to receive them.

The Account Sales of the Sooloo Goods ℔ Royal Captain Essex & Grosvenor, we have sent in Triplicate to M^{r}. Dalrymple at Manilha, and now enclose a copy to you, likewise the Account sales of Sooloo Goods ℔ Neptune. The latter we must beg the favor of you to transmit to him by the first conveyance

to Sooloo, as he designs to proceed thither from Manilha. We should have sent this account to him by our last Ship to Manilha but could not sell the Goods before her Departure.

When we received your Letter of the 21st. of May we had not disposed of the Pearls, and should have kept them as you desired, till we had received further Advices from you, had not Mr. Dalrymple desired they might be sold on the Companys account, which we have accordingly done.

Out of three hundred and thirty four Prisoners sent to this place from Bombay and Madras only a hundred & sixty have gone to Europe on our Ships the rest (except a few that died) and run away before their Arrival here have deserted to the French and other foreign Ships among these, were Mr. du Saussay & some others that came on the Houghton, although they had given us their Parole of Honor.

The Deputy Governour & Council of Manilha having desired us to procure a Passage for Major Fell to Madras on the Sabut Jung We requested the favor of Messrs. Barnewall & Carvalho to permit him to go on that Ship, which they have agreed to, and he goes in her accordingly. Mr. Holland likewise takes his Passage on that Ship.

The Glatton arrived here the 24th. of last Month Captain Doveton left Bencoolen the 14th. of September in Company with the Pocock He departed from her in the Streights of Banca, and got as far on his way to China by the Common track as six degrees North, but finding the winds contrary, he bore away the 13th. of October for Batavia which Place he left the 16th. of November and proceeded to Canton by the Pitts Streights. We hope to dispatch this Ship about the middle of March. There is reason to expect the Pocock Arrival soon, as Captain Hooke had resolv'd to go the Pitts track, if he could not gain his Passage the other way.

In the hurry of Bussyness we omitted to make the demand on Captain Williams for the 49 Buoys and Buoy ropes you mentioned; we shall therefore send the Account to England by the Glatton.

Mr. Drake sent six Pieces of Brass Cannon on the Hawke and as Captain Cotton acquainted us, desired him to deliver them to Mr. Barnewall that they might be put on board the Jabut Jung for Madras. These Mr. Barnewal could not take; and as our Ship could not unload till they were out of her, they were brought up to Canton, where they will remain till a proper opportunity offers of sending them to Madras.

We shall be oblig'd to you for the exact Essay of very different sort of Rupee you purpose sending to this Place, as our Payments are made in Dollars or money of the same fineness, and therefore all Silver that comes here, must be reduced to that standard. This Year we have been forced to trust to the Chinese Essayers, who are very incorrect, & sometimes differ $1\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ Ct. in essaying the same Sort of Rupee.

We have drawn on your Presidency for.

Pagodas 6331 06 as follows:—

Date of the Bill	To whom payable	Pags.	F.	C.	Time drawn at
Janv. the 23d ..	Shamier Sultan ..	1,333	12	—	30 Days sight.
Febv. the 16th ..	Capt. George Scott..	2,800	—	—	Do.
16th ..	Claud Russell Esqr.	1,477	12	—	Do.
16th ..	Messrs. John Lewin Smith & John Smith	720	18	—	Do.
		6,331	06	—	

The Redwood ℔ Houghton sold for Tales 2,600 the Pecul 2000 peculs may be sent on yᵉ. Compˢ. Accoᵗ. if there is none brought by private Persons That Quantity we imagine will sufficiently stock the Market.

Enclosed are the Accoᵗ. Sales of Sooloo Goods 1762 & 1763 A price Current Canton 1763 & list of ships at this Port.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Thoˢ. Fitz Hugh.
Samuel Blount.
Nathanˡ. Garland.
Alexʳ. Hume.
Mann Horner.
Thoˢ. Smith.
Willᵐ. Rous.

Canton
17th. Febʸ. 1764.

Nº. 46.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqʳ.

President & Govʳ. &cᵃ. Council

at Fort Sᵗ. George.

Gentlemen

Since the sealing of our Packet We have further drawn upon you for Pagˢ. 3850 at thirty days sight to Messʳˢ. Barnewall & Carvalho or Order being for five thousand five hundred new Mexico Dollars Received of them, here the Exchange at 10 Pagodas ℔ 15 Dollars with an addition of Five ℔ Cent Premium which please to place to the Account of the Honble The United Company.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedᵗ. humble Servants

Thoˢ. Fitzhugh.
Samuel Blount.
Nathaˡ. Garland.
Alexʳ. Hume.
Mann. Horner.
Thoˢ. Smith.
Willᵐ. Rous.

Canton
25th. February.

Nº. 47.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqʳ.

President & Govʳ. &cᵃ. Council

at Fort Sᵗ. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I address'd you last under date the 11th. instant since when I have learnt from Mʳ. Dolben that he cannot prevail on his Merchants to undertake to contract for the present Years Investment on the terms they did last, which they assure him thy (*sic*) have been great losers by and that they cannot provide the several Sortments of Goods in future under the following Prices Vizᵗ.

Long Cloth Fine				@ Madˢ Pˢ·	65 ℔	Corge
Dº.	Midling	..	..	...	50 ℔	Dº.
Dº.	Ordinary	..	..	..	40 ℔	Dº.

These he acquaints me were the lowest terms he had been able to bring them to which will undoubtedly appear to your Honor &cᵃ. to be a most exorbitant Advance, They have addressed Letters to me on this Subject to the same Purpose

in answer to which I have ordered them to this Place in hopes I may be able to bring them to more reasonable Terms, And I will take the first Opportunity of acquainting you with the result of my Conference with them that I may be honored with your Orders in Consequence.

Mr. Dolben begs leave to return Your Honor &c^{a}. his Thanks for the Approbation you have been pleased to signify to his Attention to the Investment and to assure you that his best Endeavours shall be as they have ever been exerted to the Improvement of it.

The Package of the Bales from Bandarmalanka Mr. Dolben has engaged to undertake on the terms you have been pleased to stipulate of two Current Pagodas ℔ Bale.

In Compliance with the Directions Your Honor &c^{a}. were pleased to give Mr. Dawson in your Commands of the 25th. February for keeping as large a ballance of Cash here as possible in Rupees the Garrison both Military and seapoys were paid the beginning of this Month in Pagodas at the rate of 375 Rupees ℔ ℅ Madrass Pagodas the Bazar Exchange at that time but the Consequence of this was that in a few days afterwards the Shroffs had raised the Exchange two Anoes in a Pagoda which occasion'd Complaints from the Military as the loss to them was Considerable. I have for the Current Month obliged the Shroffs to Exchange to the Military only at that rate of 375 Rupees ℔ ℅ Pagodas the rate they were paid at, but as there are few or no Rupees brought into the Place but what center in the Companys Cash the putting a stop to the Issues of that Specie must enhance its value and indeed render it impossible to procure any which will not only subject the Military & Seapoys of the Garrison but the Settlement in general to distresses and Inconveniences as the Currency in General here is more in Rupees than Pagodas and the Company will by continuing this Practise loose on the Pay of the Military thirty Rupees in every hundred Pagodas and in that of the Seapoys ten, by the difference of Exchange, I therefore must request Your Orders for continuing to issue the Pay of the Garrison in Rupees as has been hitherto practised.

I am very Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most humble Servant
John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
19th. April 1764.

No. 48.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a} Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favoured with your Honor &c^{a}. Letters of the 13th. and 29th. Ultimo, the last by the Diligent Snow who imported here the 11th. Instant.

We are much concerned to hear your Honor &c^{a}. have so much reason to complain of the few Bales of Cloth saved out of the Union, We must take the Liberty to inform you that the greatest Part of the Cloth sent on her was provided before our time, and on our arrival here the Merchants complained much of the Quantity of Cloth we turned out as unfit; We flatter ourselves that the Cloth sent you by the Cuddalore Schooner will prove more to your Honour &c^{a}. satisfaction and we assure you that our utmost Endeavours shall never be wanting to promote and improve the Investment as much as possible.

It is with the greatest truth that we assure your Honor &c^{a}. that no pains have been spared to put the Investment at this Settlement on the footing you have recommended and we are much concerned that our Endeavours have been hitherto unsuccessfull. We are equally at a loss with your Honor &c^{a}. to what Cause to ascribe the Perverseness of our Merchants, unless it is owing to the unsettled state of the Country and to all necessarys of life being much dearer than they were formerly. We really cannot discover what reason they have for acting as they do, and at the same time We cannot learn that any of our Merchants are in any degree grown Richer: Our utmost Endeavours shall be exerted to discover their motives and to bring them to the Terms your Honor &c^{a}. wish, At present the greatest Part of our Merchants are in the Country providing of Cloths so soon as they come in We will communicate to them what your Honor &c^{a}. have now wrote us on this subject, and will then address you again on this hand, & we will also do our best to provide the Chints you have ordered, & As this Cloth must be manufactured; We hope by that time We shall receive the Musters yours Honor &c^{a}. are pleased to promise Us.

By the Dearness of the Betulahs provided by M^{r}. Heath, we are much afraid that we shall not be able to get them of the fininess your Honor &c^{a}. want, at the prices you mention, however no pains shall be wanting.

The few Merchants that are now here say they can never possibly consent to sending up their turn'd out Cloths to Madras on their Account to be resorted, however when we get them together we shall inform them of your Orders on this head tho' we do not imagine they will ever consent to it, should your Honor &c^{a}. be pleased to allow us to take in the best of their turned out Cloth at the Abatement you mention we shall do our utmost to bring them to it.

M^{r}. Barker arrived here in the Diligent as did also M^{r}. Raine the Surgeon, and we request your Honor &c^{a}. will be pleased to inform what Monthly Pay we are to give to the latter as well as his other Allowances for Servants &c^{a}. and for his as also Ensign Haycocks travelling Charges.

Agreable to your Permission M^{r}. Chas. Smith now proceeds to the Presidency.

We return your Honor &c^{a}. our thanks for the Supply of Stores you have been pleased to send us which have been delivered agreable to Invoice and as the Guns have no Carriages, we hope you will permit us to make proper ones for them.

We are sorry your Honor &c^{a}. do not approve of our Bales being packed on the Old footing; Our Warehouse keeper assures us that he does not think he can possibly pack them at two Current Pagodas without being a sufferer, but as M^{r}. Smith is now going to the Presidency, we beg leave to take the Liberty to request your Honor &c^{a}. will be so kind as to settle this Matter with him there.

Enclosed are the Accounts of this Settlement for the last Month.

As our Ballance grows low we hope your Honor &c^{a}. will send us a further Supply of Cash.

We have the Honor to be with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^{t}. & most Obliged
humble Servants
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES SMITH.
WILLIAM BARKER.

VIZAGAPATAM
17TH. APRIL 1764

Cloth on hand. At the Wash.

L C O ..	55·5		
L C M	35·9		
L C F	19·10		
	———	110·4	
In the Warehouse			
L C O	3	12	
L C M	2	16	
L C F		13	
	——	7	1
Corge	117	5	

No. 49.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr. President & Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 23d. with the Remarks on the Cloth sent from hence as well Taken in, as Turn'd out, I have Received and perused, Tis extreamly Satisfactory to me to Observe the whole of the Former either Superior, or Equal, to the Musters by which it was sorted. But 'tis with equal Surprize, that great part of the other should be thought of a Quality not to be rejected at the Abatement, since it was all resorted by me with the utmost care & Circumspection I was Master of. I must Acknowledge I have not been so much on My Guard with the turn'd out Cloth as I am convinced now, I should have been, for being conscious of having done Justice to the Merchants, and hearing no murmurings from them but on the Contrary, That they were satisfyed readily & without suspecting any Compliant, Committed it to some of the Warehouse Conicopolys, who have had the Charge of it all along now whether the Merchants to screen themselves from Your resentment which they had just reason to fear, for not fulfilling their Contract fell upon the scheme of crying out first, tampered with these Fellows & Chang'd some of the Cloth is hard to say; Yet, as so much Care was used by me in the resorting for it I cannot Account for it, by any other means, especially since being sway'd by no Self View, or Motives, or my Own, twas as easy for me to take the Cloth in, as Turn it out, had I thought it good enough, for tho the Gentlemen of the Committee justly Observes some of the Pieces to have Mr. Goodards Chop, Yet what Cloth was finally rejected, was rejected by me. Two [*sic*] dwell longer on this Subject, will only be taking up your time & answer no purpose I shall therefore Only Assure Your Honour &ca. I shall be more careful in future & not trust the servants with it.

I am sorry You should be so severe on me as to think, the Companys Chop, being stampt in the Middle of some Pieces, of the turned out Cloth, should proceed from a design detrimental to the sale of it & not Inadvertincy. So far from doing it with an Intention prejudicial to the Merchants the Circumstance never Occured to me, or their Agents who were present; If it had, it might with the same Case been fix'd in a proper Place, as an improper one But the truth is, That the Land Customers People not being used to put the Companys Chop on the Turn'd out Cloth heretofore (this being the first time that any Customs have been Exacted on it) & not think any ill Consequence would attend it, stampt it in the manner that all other kind of Goods, are stamp'd in For the time to come, it shall be remedied & am Concerned 'tis now too late.

When the Merchants return their Contracts shall be drawn Out, agreeable to their Engagements. But as on Comparing their Proposals for the Provision of the Investment with Irshapah Chittys Bond (sent me as a Guide for the rest). I observe a great difference in the Quantity of Goods, He offers to provide & what the Bond specifies, I must request, You will be pleased to furnish me with a List of what each Merchant is to provide or inform me, if their Bonds are to be made suitable to their Proposals, or the List of Goods to be provided here this year. I must also desire Your Honor &c^{a}. will enable me in due time to make the necessary advances to them, the present Ballance of Cash being very insufficient for that Purpose. What remains due from them shall likewise be collected, and their Accounts properly adjusted.

Pudmanabu & Purvutrauze shall be dismissed the Warehouse & I shall pay due Regard to Your injunction that no Companys Merchant serve in the Character of a Dubash.

The Annual Report, regarding the Investment comes Enclosed drawn out in the Form prescribed & I shall observe Your Honor &c$^{a's}$. Directions relating to the Books & Accounts of this Settlement being kept in future after the Model of those belonging to Ingeram Presidency.

Last Year, an Indent of Packing Stuff was transmitted to your Honor &c^{a}. I should be glad to know if it has been complied with from Bengal, for unless I am supplied with those Articles in the manner the Warehouse keeper at Madras is, I cannot take upon me the Package of the Bales, here being no Goneys or Materials of that kind to be procured, but what turns out extreamly dear besides proving Rotten and very unfitt for the Purpose.

N.B. Statement of the Cuddalore Investment for 1763 being omitted here is enter'd at the end of the Book.

I am with due Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Calland.

Cuddalore
29th. April 1764.

N°. 50.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to acquaint You that Ramalingah have laden on a Boat on Account of the Honble Company, Long Cloth Fine 12 Call, Seven Corge, Ten Pieces (10) Chinnamanaickpollom 9 Call Twelve Corge (12) & Worriarpollam 8 Call Twenty Eight Corge. Ten Pieces (28 10) as $\frac{10}{P}$ his Account delivered in.

I find myself again under the necessity to inform your Honor &c^{a}. that by the Neglect of Sadasheverow, I have not received the Rents due from him on Account of these Bounds & Trevendaporum for the last two Months & the Arrack Farm for the last Three.

I am with the greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Calland.

Cuddalore
1st. May 1764.

No. 51.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Twenty five thousand (25000) Pagodas remitted me, on Account of the Investment, I have duely received such of the Merchants as are return'd have executed their Bonds & have been paid their first Advances, Out of it.

The two Godowns at Cuddalore requiring new Pavement & the Washing Choultrys & Godowns at Bandepollam some Repairs, that are absolutely necessary, to preserve the Cloth from the White Ants, The Expence of which, may amount to 20 or 30 Pagodas; I have to request Your Honor &cas. permission to make such Repairs.

Enclosed are the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month,

I am with due Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
John Calland.

Cuddalore
11th. May 1764.

No. 52.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

My last was under date the 19th. Ultimo advising of the very unreasonable advances demanded by the Bandarmalanka Merchants on the Prices of the several Sortments of Goods provided at that Settlement, On being sent for by Mr. Dolben to contract for the carrying on this years Investment, They have since been here, and it is with Pleasure I now acquaint you that after many meetings and much altercation I have prevailed with them to undertake this Years contract on the same terms they did last, and they returned again the day before yesterday, that no more time might be lost in forwarding the Investment. They have engaged as usual to deliver one half of the list of Investment ordered for this years provision by the latter end of August, which I am afraid the lateness of the Season, will put out of their Power to comply with; but they promised to do the most, they were able, and gave strong assurances (although not entirely to be depended on I doubt) to deliver the whole Quantity by the last of January. They seem'd most to insist on an advance in the Prices of the fine & ordinary Cloths, which they pretend to be loosers by and represented the losses they suffered by debts contracted with Weavers who frequently run away with part of the Money advanced them for providing Cloth, which although they often knew them to be settled in Parts of the Country not far distant, they were never able to recover; I gave them no encouragement ever to expect an increase in the Present prices allowed them for their Cloths, but promised to do them any service that lay in my Power towards assisting them in the recovery of their debts. I acquainted them with the indulgence you had been pleased to allow them of sending up their turn'd out Cloth to be resorted at Madras, when they would be paid at an Abatement of ten ℘ Cent for such as should be taken in, and the rest delivered to their Gomastahs to be disposed of for their Account. They seem'd sensible of the favour intended them; but not altogether satisfied, and desired

I would give them leave to make another Proposal, which having granted I found it to consisting in requesting that all the Cloth they should bring in of the proper lengths and breadths might be received on the Companys Account without being sorted at Bandarmalanka; when it should be washed & Packed & sent up to Madras, there to be sorted; The full Prices to be allowed them on all which should be taken in as unaxceptionable, An abatement of ten ℔ Cᵗ. to be deducted on such as might be taken in or resorting and such as should be turn'd out as unfit for the Companys Purpose to be delivered to their Gomastahs to be disposed on their accounts. I gave them no other answer to this proposal than that I would acquaint your Honour &cᵃ. herewith, and as it seems to be a point which they express an earnest desired to be indulged in, although they could urge no reasons for having requested, it, I take the Liberty of recommending it to your Compliance unless then should appear to your Honor to be any material inconveniences attending it which may not have occurred to me.

I am very Respectfully,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedᵗ. & most humble Servant
John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
4ᵀᴴ. May 1764.

Nº. 53.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqᴿ.
President & Governour &cᴬ. Council
at Fort Sᵀ. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your several Letters of the 27ᵗʰ. Jaⁿʳʸ. 8ᵗʰ. 27ᵗʰ. February & 3ᵈ. Ultimo & the necessary directions have been sent to the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry for providing the Timber & Plank you have intended for.

It would afford us great Pleasure to be able to increase our Consignments this Year to China but we are sorry to acquaint you the utmost we shall have it in our Power to do will be to compleat the Lathams Stock to Lˢᵗˢ. 40,000 the sum stipulated by our Honble Masters.

Not having been able to procure any foreign Silver to supply the supra-cargoes of Ship Talbot with a Sufficient Stock for the purchase of a Cargoe of Coffee at Mocha we have directed them to give Bills on us for what money they may require for this Purpose & have also in case they should be able to procure money for Bills on your Honor &cᵃ. given them a latitude of drawing on you, and we flatter ourselves you will accordingly shew due Honor to any Bills they may draw on you in consequence.

Enclosed is a Bill of Exchange for Rˢ. 500 on the Governour & Council at Tranquebar which you will please to recover & Credit this Presidency for the same.

We now also enclose a Packet received by the Speaker for your Honor &cᵃ. also Triplicate of our Letters of the 1ˢᵗ. & Duplicate of that of the 4ᵗʰ. Ultimo.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Chaˢ. Crommelin.
W. A. Price.
John Spencer.
Charles Waters.
Cecil Bowyer.

Bombay Castle
12ᵀᴴ. April 1764.

N°. 54.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor of advising you under date the 11th. Ultimo that in Conformity with your Orders I have advertised for receiving Proposals for reletting the Farms dependent on this Place expiring the 31st. Instant for the term of five Years, and was then in hopes they could have been delivered me in time to have reached you by the 10th. of this Month as you was pleased to stipulate, but in this I was disappointed as the Muglatore Rajah seemed a long time undetermined whither to send any or not and the unsettled Situation of these Countries has I believe deterred many others from making Offers, who might otherwise have been so inclined, such Proposals as have been delivered me now wait on You and in Confirmity with your Injunctions I shall to the best of my Knowledge & Judgement & from such Information as may be most depended on give you the Characters of those Persons from whom they come.

Culdindy Arrechunda Rauze the Rajah of Muglatore and Present Renter of Tondura, Bondarra Turmidee and Pedanah & Narsipore Salt is considered as a Person in very good Circumstances, and has been allways regular and punctual in his Payments.

Maddala Reddy, Bodaputty Gurauze and Condragoliah Jogue Puntaloo, The two former have been long Renters to the Company, are Men of Substance & established Credit, & have been allways punctual in their Payments, the latter is one of the Companys Braminys who bears a good Character & whose Family is in very good Circumstances.

Condraigolah Juggapah the Present Renter of Nellipillee, a Man of fair Character and in good Circumstances has allways paid his Rents regularly.

Meer Bauker, The present Renter of Nizampatam who owes a very considerable Ballance to the Company which there is but little hope he will be ever able to discharge having been unfortunate, but it is esteemed a man of fair Character.

Booputtirauze Bomperauze & Adorty Narsu Inhabitants of Bandarmalanka, and who Mr. Dolben recommends as People of Substance and good Character.

Mungah Kistnagee & Maderauze Ramiah are People of fair Characters but in midling Circumstances.

Moslacontee Caumajee one of the Companys Bramineys of good Character & Circumstances.

Veeranah an Inhabitant of Nizampatam a Person of Good Character but very indifferent Circumstances.

I ommitted to advise you in my Letter of the 4th. Instant That I had made the Bandarmalanka Merchants on settling this Years contract with them the Presents of Broad Cloth which I obtained your Permission for by your Commands under date the 12th. February 1763 but as Lackum Chitty Erapah & Lackhum Chittee Moottoo, had been more particularly assiduous in the Business of the Investment than any of the others I thought they merited some distinction and therefore bestowed on them double the Quantity of Broad Cloth I gave the Rest, which I hope Your Honor &ca. will not disapprove of.

I am very Respectfully,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most humble Servant,
John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
16th. May 1764.

No. 55.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received by our Honble Masters Snow Diligent, which imported here a few days ago, your Letters of the 29th. & 31st. Ultimo, and shall give you due Credit for the Amount of the Bill of Exchange enclosed in the Latter.

In the Letter which we also received by her from the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro, they have requested We will remit them a supply of fifteen thousand Pounds sterling £ S 15000 in Spanish Dollars and Advise us that they have also wrote to You representing their want of money. As we are at present unable to Comply with their Request as well on Account of the lateness of the season, which will not permit any Ship to make her passage out of the River as our want of Money to purchase the Dollars, which also we could not procure if the State of our Treasury would allow of our making the Necessary Advance We have Judged it proper to give You immediate Advice thereof, that You may be the more expeditious in remitting them that Sum of Your own demands will permit.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Henry Vansittart.
Warren Hastings.
Randr. Marriott.
Samuel Middleton.
Ralph Leycester.
John Burdett.

Fort William
April 23d. 1764.

No. 56.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honor'd with your Commands of the 18th. Instant.

I will acquaint Mr. Dolben with the directions you have been pleased to give on the Subject of the Investment to be provided at Bandarmalanka and the indulgence intended the Merchants relating to their turned out Cloth, which I hope will encourage them to exert themselves in this Bussiness.

As I conclude the Rupees you have been pleased to order me to send up from hence by land are intended for the China Market, I have taken the Liberty of deferring putting these your Orders in Execution till I can be honored with an Answer to this as there are many unserviceable Guns lying here (Particulars as ℔ List enclosed) which would serve as Kintlage for any Ships bound for China if sent here to take them in, which at this Season of the Year would cause little or no detention when the Rupees lying here might be forwarded thither directly by the same conveyance, without the Risque and Expence which will attend the sending them up by land but if this should not meet with your Honor &cas. Approbation they shall be kept in readiness to be sent away on the Receipt of your further Orders, and may very well reach you by the 20th. of Next Month at farthest.

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit you the Accounts of this Settlement for the last Month and am very respectfully.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
JOHN PYBUS.

MAZULIPATAM
26TH. MAY 1764.

No. 57.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have received your Letter of the 18th. Ultimo.

Ramalingah the Portonovo Merchant has laden on a Chillingah for your Settlement Long Cloth 12th. Call, six Corge /6/ Long Cloth 9 Call, Eight Corge Eight Pieces /8–8/ Long Cloth 8 Call, Twenty Eight Corge 4 Pieces /28–4/ & Long Cloth ½ Pieces Blue sixteen /16/ Corge.

Enclosed are Accounts of this Place for last Month, Agreeable to the form you prescribed.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servant
JOHN CALLAND.

CUDDALORE
4TH. JUNE 1764.

No. 58.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have now the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Ten thousand Madrass Pagodas, which you were pleased to supply this Settlement, with by the Snow Annomootoo which arrived here last Night, as also the Stationary and musters of Chints, which came by the same conveyance, and we beg leave to assure your Honor &ca. that the drections we have received from Charles Bourchier Esqr. concerning the providing those Goods, shall be attended to with the utmost care, as, soon as we have Cloth of a proper Sortment for that Purpose.

In our last address of the 19th. Instant we advised your Honor &ca. of the apprehensions we were then under of the Morratows entering this Province since which we are informed, that the Rajahs near the Hills of their Territories, have repulsed them and oblig'd them to retire near the borders of their own Country, which we hope will put a stop to those troubles.

We are now to acquaint your Honor &ca. Council, that we have intertain'd two French Soldiers, that desired from the Black Powers and came hither the other day, and we have taken the Liberty to detain them in the room of those Deserted from hence some time ago.

We have nothing further to add at present but to assure your Honor &ca that we are with utmost Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Faithfull & most Obedient
humble Servants
JOHN SMITH.
WILLIAM BARKER.

VIZAGAPATAM
23D. MAY 1763.

No. 59.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honoured with your Commands of the 25th. Ultimo signifying Your Pleasure not to extend the terms of reletting the Farms now Expiring at this Place for five Years as was your Intention upon finding the Proposals forwarded to you in my Letter of the 16th. do not in general Exceed what they let for last Year, & that you had therefore determined upon telling them at present for one Year only, in hopes of more advantageous Offers when the Country should be better settled, and I have acquainted those from whom I receiv'd those Proposals with this Your Determination and as you have been pleased to leave it to me to fix on such of them as I should consider as the most responsible for holding the Farms for the present Year I now take the Liberty of recommending to you those who you may be assured are trust worthy and who on promising them the Preference (as you have been pleased to a'thorize me) on reletting the Farms provided they offered as much as others, have engaged to take such as they have bid for, on the same terms proportionally, for one Year, as are stipulated in their Proposals for five enclosed in any address of the 16th. ultimo their Names are as follows Vizt:—

Culdindy Archunderauze. The Rajah of Muglatore Maddala Reddy, Bodaputty Gruahrauze & Condra Pauntaloo Condraigoola Juggapah Boddaputirazue Bomperauze & Audorty Narsoe and tu Caumajee

who conformably to the Permission you have been pleased to give me will enter upon the Management of the Farms they have offer'd for, as the season approaches for putting the Tanks in repair & ploughing the Ground, and for which I shall hope to receive it Cowles from you in their Names as soon as they can be prepared.

I take the Liberty of inclosing you a [statement] for Broad Cloth wanted for the use of this Settlement which Indent for stationary, forwarded in my Address of the 11th. Ultimo to request Your Compliance with being very respectfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and humble Servant
John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
1st. June 1764.

Indent for broad cloth wanting at Muzulipatam for ye. Year 1764.

Super Fine Scarlet—	5	Pieces.
Fine Blue—	2	Do.
Aurora—	5	Do.
Ordinary Green—	5	Do.

Mazulipatam
1st. June 1764.

John Pybus.

No. 60.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Honor to acquaint you that our Honble Masters Ship Plassey Captain Durrell Clews Commander, arrived at this Place Yesterday Evening from Fort Marlbro, in a very weak and sickly Condition and likewise

very leaky, she being much shattered in a hard Gale of Wind, soon after she left that Coast, so that it seems highly necessary for her to proceed to Bengal, with the utmost Dispatch, as she is not in a Condition to return to Madras at this Season.

We hope your Honor &c^{a}. Council will pardon the Liberty we have taken in opening the Packet for your Presidency but as there was an urgent Necessity for this Vessell proceeding immediately to Bengal, we apprehended a Packet might be inclosed for the President & Council of Fort William (which proved as we imagin'd & we have forwarded the same by that Conveyance, together with the Necessary Papers relative to the said Ship & Cargoe, and we took the Liberty to send them an Extract of the two first Paragraphs of your General Letter from the President & Council of Fort Marlbro Concerning the said Ship.

We have been favoured with your Honor &c^{as}. Letter of the 18th. Ultimo. to which we shall reply more fully by the next Opportunity.

The Plassey being greatly in want of an Anchor we have supplied her with one we lately Received by the Deligent Snow, and as to a Cable we were obliged to purchase one of 14 Inches the Price of which we shall acquaint you of in our next advices, these supplys we absolutely necessary in the destroyed situation of that Vessell.

We have nothing further particular to add at Present, but to assure your Honor &c^{a}. Council that we remain with utmost Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Smith.
William Barker.

Vizagapatam
2^{d}. June 1764.

No. 61.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
at Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By this you will be informed of the Honble Company Ship Plassey it being the Latter part of April before we left the West Course of Sumatra and in the Middle of May met with a hard Gale of Wind, the Ship Spring a Leake & the People being very sickly could hardly keep her above Water, this Obliged us to have all the Guns over Board, nor did we think of ever seing the land again, but by Gods providence we fell in with Vizagapatam, where I was Oblig'd to gett an Anchor & Cable with thirteen Lascars with which I hope we shall be able to get safe To Bengall & shall send this day being the 3^{d}. of June for Bengall. I arriv'd here June the 1st. inclosed I send you a Copy of the Cost of the Anchor Cable &c^{a}.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servant to Command
Durrell Clews.

Vizagapatam
3^{d}. June.

No. 62.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Plassey sail'd for Moco Moco the 7th. Instant & We now send this Letter express overland, in hopes it will rerch her before she has taken her Departure from that Port.

We have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Honble Companys Ship the Houghton, Captain Smith arriv'd here Yesterday. We shall dispatch her to England in a few Days. She left Canton the 28th. of December in Company with the Britannia Captain Rous.

The Supracargoes in their Dispatches acquainted us, that they had in Consequence of a Letter from the Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Manilha, intended to Dispatch the Honble Companys Ships, the Hawke, Falmouth, Havanah & Cruttenden thither to transport 1200 Chinese from thence to this Presidency Captn. Smith, has acquainted us that the Havanah had already sail'd on this Business We shall in Consequence of these Advices, immediately set about making temporary Buildings & other Accomodations for their Reception. The Encrease of so great a Number of People will in a very short time consume our Stock of Rice, notwithstanding the utmost Aconomy; To prevent the fatal consequences that must inevitably arise from the want of Grain, We must earnestly request your Honor &ca. Councels particular Consideration of the Circumstance and that you will be pleased immediately on the Receipt of these advices, to send us as much Rice [*sic*] as possible, and at the same Time to notify our wants to the Presidency of Fort William that they may be enabled to Dispatch a Vessell hither, laden with the same Supplies from both Presidencies, will scarcely suffice our Wants, & therefore it will be extreamly necessary, that you repeat them by every Opportunity, and what renders the immediate Complyance of our request more essential is, that We are in daily expectation of receiving five hundred Coffrees from Bombay, for the use of this Settlement. Our Representations must appear so obvious to your Honor &ca Council that We make no doubt of your Concurrence therein.

We remain
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
Roger Carter.
Henry Idell.
John Herbert.
Robert Nairne.

Fort Marlbro
12th. February 1764.

No. 63.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to the Intimation in our Letter dated the 21st. November/a Duplicate of which goes under cover we now return the Ship Plassey Captain Durrell Clews to your Establishment, there to be disposed off as you shall judge for the Companys Interest, as she is by no means calculated for the Service of this Coast; and enclosed is an account of her Stores & Muster Roll of the Crew who have been paid to the 31st. Instant.

Having a larger Quantity of Wares & Military Cloathing than can be consumed on this Settlement for some time & as they are spoiling for want of proper Godowns We have laden them on board the Plassey Invoice and Bill of Lading for which go enclosed, The Military Cloathing we desire you will forward to Bombay where we hope they may be made use of as the Regimentals of that Presidency are the same.

The Honble Court in their Commands ℔ the Valentine expressed their desire that some measures should be immediately taken, for fixing on a proper Spot for the Chief Settlement on this Coast, and at the same time acquainted us they should signify their Commands to you to send over Mr. Engineer Call, or some other able Engineer to survey and fix on the most eligible Spot; We have allready shewed the necessity of an Immediate Compliance, as no substantial Buildings can be undertaken either to lodge their Honors property in, or for the conveniency of their Servants & Military; our Temporary buildings daily encrease which renders the Expences of the Settlement very extravagant, It is needless for us to repeat the many cogent reasons for your immediate Compliance of the Honble Courts Command in this respect, on our part We have only further to observe that the longer We remain in this state of uncertainty the more burthensome will this Settlement become to our Honble Masters;

The Honble Court in their Commands dated the 12th. of January 1763 have appointed Mr. John McDonald Factor on this Establishment; if he resides in your Jurisdiction you will please to order him to his station.

The Company have suffered so considerable a Loss as 3½ Chests in the Consignment of Opium sent us from Bengal by way of your Presidency; upon inspecting the Chests We would observe no breakage excepting in one or two which conduces us to suppose that this loss is greatly to be attributed to their being opened, & We are the more confirmed in our opinion what was sent us direct by the Syren turned out extreamly well, In future We beg leave to recommend that all Consignments for us may be kept in a separate Godown & that their Packages by no means be opened particularly Opium, unless there is reason to suspect any Frauds, and We must further observe that the bringing such Consignments on your Books may be attended with troublesome Adjustments & that it will be the most eligible method to forward them as sent us by the Presidency they come from giving us Credit in Case you should be in want of any of the Stores so consigned.

The Representations of Captain William Foster having applied to us for Payment of the Ballance due that Estate in Account Current with the Ship Earl Temple We could not comply with their Requests, as it was impossible for us to know what Sums may have been advanced Captain Foster, We therefore recommend it to you to transmit to the Honble Court, to whom we have referred his Representations, On Account of his Advancement at Fort St. George.

The Account Current furnished Messrs. Carter & Darwall as well as that Received lately, are drawn out in so General a Way, that it is impossible for us to adjust our Books by carrying each Article of Expence to its proper account. We must therefore desire you will send one more explicit & Particular.

The late Mr. Henry Russell during his residence at Malacca contracted a debt of (℔400) Four hundred Spanish Dollars which Mr. Ardley Ordered to be paid; As We are uncertain whether you deducted that sum out of the Salary & Diet he received at Madras, We have secured so much of his Estate in the Honble Companys Cash, You will therefore please to advise us of this Circumstance by the first Opportunity.

We have received several Dutch Letters and Your Answers relative to the disputes on this Coast We shall take an Opportunity to reply thereto to the General & Council at Batavia.

Our Annual Indent you will receive enclosed which we desire may be complied with as Opportunitys offers.

We enclose a Paragraph of the Honble Courts Commands dated 12th. January 1763 relative to the Bond entered into by Messrs. Wyatt and Hall with which we request your Compliance.

Since the Departure of Mr. Ardley from this Coast the Books of this Settlement under his Management have been ballanced, We now enclose an Extract of the Committee of Accounts Report on a mistake which they apprehend he has made that he may satisfy you therein.

We remain with perfect Esteem

Fort Marlbro
4th. February 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Roger Carter.
Henry Idell.
Robert Nairne.
John Herbert.

P.S.

A Manifest of Private Trade laden on the Plassey from hence, together with the Captain Clues sailing Orders come Numbers in our Pacquet.

Postcript. [*Sic*].

We have granted on your Honor &ca. Council the following Bills of Exchange

1	Sett in favour of Messrs. Stockeham Donsten & James Stevenson payable to Mr James Hayor or Order dated the 20th January	P.	603	3	14	Ps.	377	13	3
1	Do in favor of Capt in Richard Dawson payable to Messrs. Thos. Pelling & John De Fries dated Do.		4800	0	0		3000	0	0
1	Do. in favour of Captn. John Panton Payable to Messrs. Pelling & John De. Fries dated Do.		1000	—	—		625	—	—
1	Do. in favour of Captn. John Panton payable to Messrs. Pelling & John De Fries dated Do.								
1	Do. in favor of Captn. Robert Carruthers payable to Captn. George Baker or order dated Do.		1792	—	—		1120	—	—
1	Do. in favor of Robt. Nairne Esqr. on account Owners of Snow Success payable to Mr. Andrew Ross dated Do..		1103	1	13		689	19	67
1	Do. in favour of the Honble Roger Carter Esqr. as Attorney to the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr. & owners of the Chittigong Snow payable to Robt. Palk & Nicholas Morse Esqr. dated the 3d. February		5595	1	31		3496	16	29
	6 Setts amounting to.	P.	14893	1	58	Ps.	9308	13	29

We remain with great esteem

Fort Marlbro
4th. February 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Roger Carter.
Henry Idell.
Robert Nairne.
John Herbert.

INDENT TO FORT ST. GEORGE Presidency for Sundry Stores and Wares wanted for sale and use at Fort Morlbro for the Year 1764 & 1765.

Salt, as much as convenient, not less than ..	Garce 50 Fifty.
Fanams, single, D'ble & Treeble to the amount of	Pags. 2500 two thousand five hundd.
Chints Madras, fine of Pags. 9 ℔ Patch of three Pieces	Patch 20 Twenty.
Midling 6 Dº.	Dº. 40 Forty.
Coarse 4 Dº.	Dº. 20 Twenty.
Long Cloth Blue fine, whole Pieces	Corge 60 sixty.
Dº. white Ordinary Dº.	Dº. 50 fifty
Dº. Dº. fine of 16 Pags. ℔ Corge ..	Pcs. 10 ten.
Midling of 10 Dº. Dº. ..	Dº. 20 twenty.
Ditto of 6 Dº. Dº. ..	Dº. 20 twenty.
Dungaree fine	Dº. 40 forty.
Coarse	Dº. 200 two hundd.
Ginghams fine red Striped	Dº. 10 ten.
Blue Dº.	Dº. 10 ten.
Midling	Dº. 20 twenty.
Red Dº.	Dº. 20 twenty.
Blue Dº.	Dº. 20 twenty.
Handkerchiefs Pulicat red—	
of 6 Pagodas	Dº. 10 ten.
of 4 Dº.	Dº. 20 twenty.
of 2 Dº.	Dº. 40 forty.
Palemporse larger Fine	Pieces 20 twenty.
Midling	Dº. 20 twenty.
Small Fine	Do. 20 twenty.
Midling	Dº. 20 twenty.
Salampores blue fine	Corge. 40 forty.
Salampores White	Dº. 20 twenty.
Cambays blue Coarse	Dº. 12 twelve.
Cambrick Fine	Pcs. 20 twenty.
Dimety White Fine	Do. 10 ten.
Midling	Do. 10 ten.

ROGER CARTER.
HENRY IDELL.
JOHN HERBERT.

FORT MARLBRO
4TH. FEBRUARY 1764.

EXTRACT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ACCOUNTS DATED THE 17TH. MAY 1763

Mr. Ardley received from the President & Council of Madras the sum of two thousand Pagodas to purchase his own private necessaries on coming over here in his Cash Book he Credits that Presidency no more than three thousand Dollars, which is only at the Exchange of ℔ 15 for 10 Pagodas. As the Exchange was regulated by Mr Ardleys own Request at P. 16 for Pagodas 10 instead of 16½ as formerly. We have found ourselves obliged in order to make the Account Current agree to debit Mr. Ardleys Private Account for the difference being ℔ 200 or Pagodas 125 — — It remain with your Honor &ca. Council to determine whether this Sum ought to be demanded from Mr. Ardleys Attorneys here, or be also wrote off to the Debit of FORT ST. GEORGE Presidency in order to be received there.

EXTRACT of Minutes of Consultation dated 17th. and 31st. May 1763.

Agreed to make a demand on his Attornies here.

The Secretary, presents the following Letter to the Board which was in consequence of a demand of two hundred Dollars he had made agreeable to a resolution in Council dated the 17th. Instant.

To Mr. Edward Coles
Secretary

The reason Why Mr. Ardley credits this Establishment for an advancement made him on leaving Madras at the rate of ℘ 15 instead of 16 for Pagodas 10 We apprehend might be, that on exchanging the Pagodas for Dollars to bring over here, he could get no more than 15 of the latter for 10 of the Former, other Reasons might be suggested for this seeming inconsistency but having no particular Knowledge of the Affair, We beg leave to refer the Honble President & Council to Mr. Ardley himself, who cannot fail of satisfying them, for in this Article of his accounts he could not be subject to Mistake. Nor are we sure that we have any money of his in our hands for the outturn of what he carried from hence if he should choose to appropriate it to that purpose, might possibly discharge all the private demands he had on this Coast.

We are
Sir,
Your most humble Servants
Robert Nairne
Stokehamd Donston
Attorneys to
Saml. Ardley Esqr.

Fort Marlbro
31st. May 1763.

Agreed to write off to Fort St. George Presidency of which the Gentlemen must be acquainted in order to demand an Explanation of this inconsistency from Mr. Ardley

A true Extract

Edward Coles
Secy.

Fort Marlbro
4th. February 1764.

No. 64.

To the Honble Robert Palk
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We dispatch this purposely to request your Honors &ca. will please to transmitt the accompanying Packett for the Honble the President & Council of Bombay by the very first Opportunity it Containing the Annual Papers of this Settlement.

Our Honble Masters Ship Speaker sail'd from this Place for Great Britain the 6th. Instant with a full loading

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Thos. Whitehill.
Arthur King.
Robert Sparks.

Anjengo
25th. May 1764.

No. 65.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you to acquaint you of Mr. Smiths arrival here yesterday & that agreeable to your Letter of the 9th. Instant to Mr. John Calland the charge of this Settlement together with the Ballance of the Honble Companys Cash being in Gold Pagodas twenty four thousand & eighty one (24081) in Fanams Nineteen thousand four hundred & forty Thirty one cash (19440 31) was immediately delivered over to him.

Mr. Smith assures your Honor &ca. that his utmost attention & endeavours shall be exerted to promote & expedite the Investment as well as to every other measure that may appear conducive to our Honble Masters Interest at this Place.

Mr. Robert Barclay is also arrived & begs leave to assure you of his care & assiduity in whatever Service he may be employed in.

We shall pay due attention to the directions in your Letter of the 9th. to Mr. Smith those respecting Mr. Whitehills Godowns & the arrack Farmer as soon as they can be complied with, will acquaint you with the result. We are with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most humble
Servants.
John Lewin Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
15th. June 1764.

No. 66.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favor of the 16th. May we received the 28th. with the enclosed Bill drawn upon us by Messrs. Rotwelf & Hunlbeck for Pagodas 156 9 fans. and in the same you remind us of that Bill drawn upon us by Mr. Hinckell for Pags. 1875 we should long since have acquitted this last mention'd Bill had it not been that we have expected every day of these nine or ten Months past allmost an equal sum to be paid to our order at Madrass by the late Captain Matthison, in whose estate we now mus(*sic*)sue for it However we beg excuse for that delay, And as there is now in our Road a Portuguese Frigate that intends to go from here to Madrass in two or three weeks time, we shall take that opportunity to send the Payment for both Bills.

We have the honor to be with the most perfect esteem and consideration

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
H. Abbestie.
J. H. Gille.
P. Falk.
P. R. Hvulbeck.
O. P. Bie.

Fort Dansbory
9th. June 1764.

No. 67.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last address waited on you ℔ Ship Royall Charlottee under the 26th. April Duplicate of which is now enclosed since we have been favoured with yours of the 10th. April and have only in reply thereto to advise your Honor &ca. that Part of the Indent for Timber & Plank is allready provided & we flatter ourselves the whole will be in readiness by the opening of next Season for Shipping on board any conveyance that may either come from your Side or our Superiors at Bombay.

Ship Latham sailed hence the 15th. Ultimo for Canton, having nothing more to communicate.

We remain
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Thos. Byfeld.
W. Hurt.
Willm. Ashburner.
Thos. Day.

Tellicherry
2d. June 1764.

No. 68.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Merchants having this morning brought in a Quantity of Cloth to be sorted on examining some Pieces brought by Irshapa Chitty for Salem cloth we are of opinion it is not that kind of Cloth but of different Species & Fabrick, we acknowledge it is good, but as this article is so principal an object of our Investment, we thought it highly proper to advise your Honor &ca. immediately thereof, in order to have your Sentiments & directions on this Head, that in case you should not approve of it, we may prevent any more being brought in, or made as its probable the other merchants may likewise provide some of the same sortment, we have therefore sent you four Pieces for your Inspection by a Boat belonging to Ramah Lingah (The Porto Novo Merchant) & in the Interim shall not receive a piece of it, till we have your answer, we take this Opportunity also of acquainting your Honor &ca. that the abovemention'd Rama Linga exports in the said Boat in account of the Honble Company for your Settlement (as ℔ his account deliver'd in) Long Cloth Fine & 2 Call three Corge (3) Chinamanaickpollam 9 Call, seven corge four Pieces (7. . 4) Worriarpollam 8 Call, Eighteen Corge (18) Half pieces Blue 9 Call Twenty Corge (20).

Sadasheverow the renter of the Cuddalore & Trivenduporam bounds has paid into the Honble Companys Cash the arrears due from him for April & May Kists on acct. of those Farms.

We have the honor to be with great respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
27th. June 1764.

List of Cloth on hand of the new Investment.

Bales 10½ at Wash.

No. 69.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves only to enclose you Invoice of six Chests of Rupees now dispatch'd to you by cooleys under escort of one Serjeant, Two Jemadars & forty-five Seapoys who have been paid their hire and Batta here.

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servt.
John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
16th. June 1764.

No. 70.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Commands of the 9th. & now dispatch to you by Cooleys under an escort of one Serjeant Two Jemadars and forty five seapoys forty four thousand Rupees contained in six Chests as ℔ Invoice inclosed which I hope will reach you safe.

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit you the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month.

Your Honor &ca. may be assured I will use my utmost endeavours to procure as much Cloth as possible to be sent you early in September. Mr. Dolben acquaints me that on communicating to his Merchants the indulgence you had been placed to offer them of taking in such of their Turn'd out Cloth as he might see proper at an abatement of 10 ℔ Cent they did not seem inclined to consent to those terms, but desired to have their turn'd out cloths delivered them that they might return it to the weavers conformably to their Agreement with them pretending that unless the prices of that first Numbers of their Cloths were raised they could not afford to deliver their turn'd out at an abatement of ten ℔ cent, and that they had declared the same to me when here; They did indeed solicit as I had the honor of advising you in my Letter of the 4th. Ultimo an advance in the prices of their fine & Ordinary Cloths which I gave them not the least room to hope or expect, but they never made that a Point on which only they would consent to an abatement on such of their turned out Cloth as might on a resorting be taken in, nor did they make any other Proposal to me than what I communicated to you in my Letter above referred to. In answer to this Information from Mr. Dolben I have acquainted him that as I considered the taking in the Turn'd out Cloth from the Merchants at an Abatement to have been intended by you as an Indulgence to them they were I concluded at Liberty to benefit by it or not and therefore that such of them who might not chuse to deliver on the Conditions proposed, were to have it returned them to dispose of as they should think proper.

I will embrace any Opportunities which may offer for sending up the old Guns lying here in obedience to your Orders on this Subject, and am very respectfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most humble Servant
John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
10th. June 1764.

Cloth on hand

At Bandarmalanka at the Wash

Long Cloth ordinary	C°.	54	8
Midling		55	17
Fine		22	10
Corge ...		132	15

N°. 71.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves only to acquaint you that Mr. Dolben having some affairs to settle at Madrass which require his Presence there & being desirous of removing from Bandarmalanka has wrote to me to request you will pleased to appoint a Person to receive from him the Charge of that Settlement & grant him your Permission to Proceed to Madrass by the first Opportunity which may offer.

I am with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient and most humble Servant
John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
21st. June 1764.

N°. 72.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing to you under date the 23d. April Duplicate of which goes enclosed, We have received your Letter of the 10th. Ultimo and 1st. Instant.

We have recovered the amount of the Bills of Exchange drawn on Lieut. Grant, and we have also discharged that which you Granted in his Favor.

In consequence of your last Letter we have made enquiry regarding the Deficiency of Gun Powder and we now transmit you a Copy of Military Store Keepers report on that subject together with a rectified Invoice agreably to which you will please to credit this Presidency.

By the same Report your Honor &ca. will observe that there is a deficiency of 9582 Flints in the supply sent us by the Savoy Salamity. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Henry Vansittart.
J. Spencer.
Randh. Marriott.
H. Watts.
Saml. Middleton.
Raph. Leycester.
Jo. Burdett.

Fort William
31st. May 1764.

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By a Letter which I received from your Secretary accompanying the Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter from Fort St. George, and an Account of the Weight of Gunpowder sent down there on the Deptford, I find that out of the two hundred Barrels that were invoiced at one hundred Pound a Barrell One Hundred and thirty seven of them turn'd out only sixty two Pound: Upon enquiry I find it was a Mistake of the Person under whose charge the Powder was sent down, by his making an wrong delivery, for on board the Sloop, that carried down the Powder for the Deptford, there was likewise sent One hundred and forty sixty Pound Barrels to be shiped on board of the York & Midway, one hundred and Thirty seven of which I have since learned was shippd on board the Deptford from whence this Deficiency arose, as I have received back from the Men of war One hundred & Thirty seven hundred Pound Barrels and only three sixty Pound. I now send you another Invoice of the Gunpowder sent upon the Deptford which I beg your Honor &ca. will be pleased to forward to Madrass.

By this Invoice of Stores received from Madrass by the Savoy Salamatty there are forty three Barrels of Flints invoiced at one Lack Twenty thousand upon examining of them here they only turn out one Lack Ten thousand, Four hundred & Eighteen, from whence there is a Deficiency of Nine thousand five hundred & eighty two. I am with ye. greatest Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obdt. Hble. Servt.
Thomas Woodward
M. S. K.

Fort William
30th. May 1764.

(True Copy)

Andrew Ramsay

No. 73.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble Company Snow Greyhound & Leopard carrying our General advices the principal purport of this is to accompany the Ship Luconia, Captain Mathews who now prosecutes his voyage to Fort St. George having landed from his Ships forty six Chinese, sent here by Mr. Drake & Council from Manilha

Not finding it possible to adjust the sums which ought to be paid for the freight of these people here with the Supracargoe Mr. Robinson We are oblig'd to refer the consideration of this Affair to your Honor &ca. Council as his demands and what we think equivolent differ so widely We now enclose a Copy of Mr. Drakes & Councils Letter to us by her, as also of those which have Pass'd between Mr. Dobinson and us on the occasion, to which we have no occasion to

add anything as by a reference thereto you will have all that is necessary for your Guidance Due Credit will be given your Presidency on our receiving advice of the Sum paid on this occasion.

We are

FORT MARLBRO
3D. MAY 1764.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
ROGER CARTER.
HENY. IDELL.
ROBT. NAIRNE.
JOHN HERBERT.

EXTRACT OF A letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of MANILHA To the President & Council of Fort Marlborough dated the 23d. February 1764.

On the Ship Luconia we now send you 48 Artificers &ca. we have agreed with the owners to victual them at the rate of four Fanams ℔ Day which you will please to pay them and they have consented to leave the sailing settling an allowance for their Passage to be determined by your Honor &Ca.

(A true Copy)

EDWARD COLES
Secry.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER CARTER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BENCOOLEN.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Ship Luconia having brought forty six Chinese from Manilha here for account of the Honble United East India Company, the Governor &ca. Council of Manilla referred me to this Settlement for the Payment of 4 Fanams ℔ day agreed by them for victualling each Chinese on his Passage, likewise for settling the Freight for them, I most humbly request in behalf of the owners your Honors will please to take into consideration that the Ship was ordered here solely on their account her Cargo being laid in for Madrass & the difficulty we have had in obtaining a Passage through contrary wind and Currents since we left the Streights of Sunda, will have some weight in what you shall think reasonable to allow for their freight, and that your Honors will accordingly please to order the same to be settled.

I am with the greatest Respect,

BENCOOLEN
25TH. APRIL 1764.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & must humble Servant
ROBT. DOBINSON.

TO MR. ROBERT DOBINSON
SIR

The Board on peruseing your Letter and considering the diviation of your Ship have agreed to grant you an Allowance of six hundred Dollars for the Passage of the Chinese you will be pleased therefore to make out a Bill & Robert Nairne Esqr. Land Paymaster will discharge the same on presentation.

I am

FORT MARLBRO
25TH. APRIL 1764.

SIR
Your most humble Servant
EDWARD COLES
Secy.

(A true Copy)

EDWARD COLES
Secy.

To the Honble Roger Carter Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort Marlborough.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Secretary having advised me of the allowance Granted by your Honors for the Passage of the Chinese, I beg leave to remonstrate that it is no way equivalent to the Expence of the Ship, which with having lost a large anchor in the streights of Banca & the great damage we have sustain'd in our Sails & Riging in making our Passage has doubled that expence, likewise as the Ship did not come here to trade, neither can the owners reap any benefit from it, which your Honors must be sensible of They will undoubtedly expect an advantage for its deviation and the wear and Tear of the Ship, I should be extremely sorry to be thought either unreasonable or troublesome in my demands to this Honble Board, yet I believe I may with great truth affirm that fifty Dollars each Man will not be one eight part of the Expence to the Honble Company, as those brought here by the India men on account of the demurrage the Deviation of their voyage would occasion besides Freight, therefore as they certainly could not have been brought here by any other method returned so advantageous to the Honble Company, as this Ship could not bring them I humbly hope your Honors will after weighing these circumstances grant me the above allowance which I flatter myself may be done without deviating from that Impartial Judgement ever practised in this and every Honble English Council I am with the greatest respect and esteem.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Honors Most Obedient humble Servant
Robert Dobinson.

Fort Marlbro
27th. April 1764.

(A true Copy)

Edward Coles
Secy.

To Mr. Robert Dobinson
Supracargo of the Ship Luconia.

Sir

We have received and considered your Letter of the 27th. Instant.

The reasons you alledge and the Calculations you have made either with regard to the Chinese, received by the Honble Companys Ship or your own does not appear to us in the same light as they appear to you, we apprehend the Freight of your Ship had she been taken up solely on the Companys account from Manilha to Madrass would not have been higher than the sum you mention for bringing so few Chinese here & that your going to that Port by this way is little or no deviation on account of the season & we have however agreed to offer you ℔ 1000 which we think to be a very high rate and hope you will on reflection think also equivolent to the Service. should you differ in opinion We should be glad you would refer it to the consideration of the Presidency & Council of Fort St. George to be determined by them who being more conversant are of consequence better acquainted with this Matter

Mr. Drake & Council acquaints us that they had agreed with the owner of the Luconia for the Diet of the Chinese at 4 Fanams ℔ Diem, but they have represented that they did not receive any allowance except water of consequence we suppose you have no demand on that account

We are
Sir
Your humble Servants,
Roger Carter &cA. Council.

Fort Marlbro
28th. April 1764.

(A true Copy)

Edward Coles
Secy.

To the Honble Roger Carter Esqr.
President & Governour &cA. Council
of Fort Marlborough.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having just received the resolutions of the Honble Board with regard to the Freight of the Chinese I beg leave to reply that the sum offered is not equal to the expence I shall very readily comply with your request in referring it to the Presidency & Council of Madrass on your Honors granting me receipt for them as to victualling the Chinese, I have to declare that it was given the owners as a further inducement to bring them here, by making it better worth their trouble and that the Captain of the Chinese that procured these to come did in my & the Cabauciler presence who is now here ask of Mr. Drake money for their provisions Mr. Drake asked them the reason of their laying in provisions when had before told them he had agreed with the owners, the ship was to find them with provisions on their passage, therefore would not pay them, but if they would send their rice ashore he would take it and pay for it on the Companys account, and not withstanding they had an Opportunity they did not chuse to do it this I am ready to attest upon oath if required therefore as it was their own faults they put themselves to any expence, there being no failure on our Parts, having laid salt Fish and rise on purpose for them which they might have made use of if they pleased, I cannot think it unreasonable of consequence no injustice to the Honble Company to charge them agreable to the agreement made with Mr. Drake & Council, which I hope cannot after this be disputed therefore shall make out the Biil accordingly I am with the Greatest Esteem & respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Honors Most Obedient & most humble Servant.
Robert Dobinson.

Fort Marlbro
30th. April 1764.

(A true Copy)

Edward Coles
Secy.

To Mr. Robert Dobinson
Supracargo of the Ship Luconia

Sir

We have received your Letter of Yesterdays date, as you agree to refer the consideration of the Freight necessary to be paid as an equivalent for bringing here forty six Chinese from Manilha to the President & Council of Fort St. George this Letter will serve you as a Receipt for them and answer your request on that head.

It is impossible we can look upon the victualling of the Chinese to be in the least connected with the allowance that ought to be made you on the deviation of the voyage, The rate fixed by Mr. Drake & Council was without doubt thought by them only an Equivolent for the expence the owners was to be at in finding them provisions, Now it is certain that these People have not put your owners to any of consequence, the paying you according to the agreement is giving them so much for nothing, we admit that the Chinese might have had provisions had they applied for any and that some might have been laid in for them, but this being saved it under your Indents to us for rice &ca. so much the less as what was appropriated for victualling the Chinese will serve your ships Company over to Fort St. George & therefore is rather of benefit to your owners, as Provisions here are so much dearer than at Manilha.

It gives us much concern that we cannot bring our Sentiments on these matters to coincide with yours as we should take a pleasure of doing all in our power to serve your owners, it is this consideration only which induces us to offer that this affair may be left also to the President & Council of Fort St. George.

We are
Sir
Your humble Servants
Roger Carter &cA.

Fort Marlbro
1st. May 1764.

No. 74.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &cA. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since we had the pleasure to address you the 16th. March, by the way of Batavia, we have been honored with your several Letters ℔ Houghton, Hector, Hawke, London, Admiral Pocock & Malmouth a Country Ship being under despatch for Fort St. George gives us the opportuniy of informing you that as we now begin to give over all thoughts of being ordered from hence in time to return by this Monsoon we have resolved to dispatch the admiral Pocock for the Coast by the way of Xolo at Mr. Dalrymple request if the Ship with the Difinity Treaty should not arrive before the Tenth of March.

By her we propose to send the Books & Papers with an Account of our Transactions, we shall therefore only beg leave at present to observe, that in case we are to stay here another year, our stock of cash will but suffice untill the end of June, and as it will be near the end of December before we can embark for the Coast, and the expence of Shipping off Stores & the many other contingent Charges that will naturally occur (among which may be reckoned the removal of the Chinese the greater part of whom we hope will proceed to Fort Marlborough) will require a large supply of cash, wherefore we are earnestly to request your Honor &ca. will be pleased to make us as early as possible a Remittance of at least three Lacks of Rupees without which we shall be

reduced to the greatest distress, as we were last year, which obliged us to detain part of the consignment to Canton we must likewise request a supply of Medicines stationary & cloathing for the Troops.

Mr. John Lewin Smith having requested our Permission to return to the Coast by the way of China, as we expected to be ordered away from hence, we thought it would only anticipate his Departure a few Months & therefore imployed [*sic*] with his request.

Mr. Henry Brooke apply'd to us also for a like Permission, and as he was in a bad state of Health and nothing but a change of air could affect his discovery he with leave accompanied Mr. Smith to Canton.

Mr. Francis Jourdan succeeded to one of the vacancies in Council occasion'd by the departure of the before mention'd Gentlemen leaving a seat for Mr. John Nodes now at Cavita as Paymaster & Civil Magistrate when his duty will permit him to return to Manilla.

In order to support the heavy charges of this Settlement we have drawn upon your Honor &ca. the following setts of Bills for Money received into cash.

From whom received.	To whom payable.	Amount.			Rate of Exce.		Pags.	Time of Payment.
Geo. Scot	Himself ..	7362	—	—	15½	℔	10	60 after sight.
Francis Barnewal ..	Himself ..	2937	6	—	Pms.	℔	D°.	D°.
Caleston Cavond Batthazar and Joseph	Joannes Marcar ..	10080	—	—	16	℔	D°.	D°.
Metchom Bekton ..	Pgos Catchuck ..	2560	—	—		℔	D°.	D°.
Caleston Cavond ..	Shamier Sultan ..	17900	—	—		℔	D°.	D°.
Morad Seth ..	Gregorio Miguel ..	10080	—	—		℔	D°.	D°.
Batthazar Joseph ..	Joseph Monut ..	16500	—	—		℔	D°.	D°.
Caleston Cavond ..	Shamier Sultan ..	3360	—	—		℔	D°.	D°.
Dawsonne Drake ..	Robt. Palk and Ns. Morse.	6000	—	—		℔	D°.	D°.
Edward Wogan ..	George Scott ..	1469	0	—		℔	D°.	D°.
Hugo Cavenagh ..	Matthew Lynch ..	4117	—	—		℔	D°.	D°.
		82365	6	—				

We are with respect

Manilha
Febry. 24th. 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Dawsonne Drake.
Henry Parsons.
Willm. Stevenson.
Francis Jourdon.

No. 75.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I address'd you by way of China & shall take the Opportunity of the vessell intended for the Coast from hence to pay my respects to you again this is chiefly intended to enclose some brief Instructions for the ship you may think

proper to send to Sooloo which I request may be dispatched as early as possible & be directed to proceed strictly to Balambangan & to call there without fail I beg the commander may have directions to obey my orders whereever he may receive them & be caution'd to behave himself in such a manner as not to hazard insolving the Companys Affairs or bringing them into discredit by ill treatment of the Natives Bugguese or the strangers.

I have the honor to be with
Perfect Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Dalrymple.

Manilha
23D. Febr. 1764.

Mr. Dalrymples instructions for the direction of the Ship that may be dispatch'd to Sooloo.

After passing Po. Aro (or Wawoor) & Timoan it is necessary to keep much farther to the Northward to avoid the Natunas than the Draughts describle [*sic*] it will be most expedient to make a course from Aro not more easterly than N.NE. into the Latitude of 5o. No. The Distance from Aro to Banguly is far from being well determined in the London going & coming it was reckoned from 12o. 30o to 13o 30o in the Cuddalore 11o 30o and in the Neptune about 11o I imagine it will be about 12o But the Current makest the reckoning very uncertain; The Log here reckon'd by is 50 Feet to 30.

In traversing this Sea I have in four voyages met no Shoals or Dangers butt off the Coast however there are several both to the Northward & Southward which make it most eligible to keep as near as possible to the Tracks marked in the accompanying Charts which is to be annexed to that in the Directory of the southern parts of the China Seas.

The West Coast of Borneo to the Southward of 6.55.No has many banks so that if you happen not to have good luck in falling in with the Channels thro them or have bad weather they may be very troublesome & dangerous but Balambangan and the parts adjoining 6·55 No. to 7·33 No is free from all dangers so far as four voyages will permit me to judge It is therefore most eligible to make the coast about 7 No. Lat making all allowances for declinasion &ca. should not blow fresh from the westward. It will be proper for the ship to come too off the Coast of Borneo to the Eastward of Sampangmagnio which is the No Point & there make signals as soon as the weather will permit them to be seen or heard but if the weather be good it will be more eligible for the ship to anchor in the entrance between Sampangamagnia & Balambangan near the last.

Should the ship be forced by any accident past Balambangan, the following observations may be usefull in passing the strait which ought not however to be attempted in bad Weather as the good sounding along Balambangan will allways afford a ship the opportunity of waiting till the dirty Weather is over which never lasts long.

The soundings to the Westward of Balamgan & the No. end Borneo at 5 Leas. off about 35 Fas. which Shoalens very gradually standing in shore. The Bottom Chiefly clay standing to Ne. along the W. Coast of Balambangan till Banguey Peak bears about S.B.W. then stand. N B E till you get sight of Loomboocan which Island kept N E or a little more easterly will carry you to the westward of the Banks on the Salingasingan side & also far enough of the Eastward of those towards Balabac, the most Eastern having been set in one with Loomboocan No. 16o E Having kept Loomboocan in the Bearings above directed till you get sight of the Simanakan Shoal you must stand to the

eastward, passing on which side of it you please, The south side has above 20 Fas. at 2 distt. The No. side appeared also steep but I was never close to it In passing the strait it will allways be proper to have a Man at the mast head who will see the discoloured water on the shoals a bold Man in clear weather may pass through without making so long a Track by steering towards Salingsingan & directing his course by the colour of the water but the other is the widest & most convenient passage it will allways be proper to have the whole day for passing the strait tho with the above precautions you will never have so little as 20 feet tho not much above it the ground is clayed & ouze towards Balambangan and but sandy in the middle of the strait where you may come too in case of necessity.

After passing Simanatan it will be eligible to steer so as to pass near the Cagayan Sooloo Island the largest is a high peak'd Island is visible at least 12 Leags. to the N.E. of it 8 Leas. was the appearance of a small spot of discoloured Water tho no soundings between & the nearest Island which is about four Leags. from it, I have pass'd both to the Northward & Southward of this bank whose existence is uncertain, The inner Passage between Banguey & Cayagan is the most eligible but not known expermentally.

If the ship has no Directions till she passes the Island she must steer from Gagayan so as to pass between Pangootaran & the Islands to the southward of it the Deckan Islands whch lye about S W B W from Pangoottaaran 7 or 8 Leagues will be a good guide as the Late. of Pangootaran is not very precisely determined tho the Channel is at abt. 6 20. No. These Islands are all low & Pangootaran is steep to without soundings. From hence to Sooloo there is nothing to be apprehensive of.

No. 76.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Accompanying you will receive Dupllicates of our last address which waited on your Honor &ca. the 2d. Instant & this serves purposely to give cover to a Packet for the Honble the President & Council of Bombay which we are to request you will be pleased to forward them by a Pattamar express.

We remain with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Thos. Byfeld.
W. Hurt.
Willm. Ashburner.

Tellicherry
11th. June 1764.

No. 77.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favours of the 18th. Ultimo and 9th. Instant we have had the honor to receive and have now the pleasure to reply thereto.

Out of the Consignment ℔ the Cuddalore we are sorry to find so many as sixty eight Pieces of Brown Cloth Torn and damaged with Holes we shall endeavor to prevent such oversights in future, by examining every days sortment before the Cloth is put into the Godown and we shall call on those Merchants who provided that Cloth, and make them refund the amount thereof, as soon as they return from the Country.

We are uncertain what quantity of Cloth we shall have for the September ship and are much afraid it will not be so considerable as we could wish as the Merchants are very dilatory, notwithstanding our frequent Remonstrances, they at present are in the Country, but we expect their return in a few days, as we have sent for them and shall endeavour to find out an expedient for setting a contract with them in order that some certainty may be had in an Investment the Quantity of Cloth now on hand is express'd at the Foot hereof and your Honor &c^{a}. may depend on our utmost endeavours in providing as much as possible.

Agreable to your commands we now enclose a compleat List of the Revenues of this Settlement.

We are with the greatest respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

JOHN SMITH.

WILLIAM BARKER.

VIZAGAPATAM
JUNE 23^{D}. 1764.

Cloth on hand, at the wash—

L.C.O.	136	7	
L.C.M.	54	18	
L.C.F.	26	13	
			217 18
In the warehouse—			
L.C.O.	14	14	
L.C.M.		11	
L.C.F.		8	
			15 13
Corge ..			233 11

LIST OF THE REVENUES FOR THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES UNDER VIZAGAPATAM, TO WHOM RENTED FOR WHAT TIME AND TERM ANNO. 1764.

The Name^{s} of y^{e}. Renters.		
PULLAH VENCANNA & SAYDOO.	WALTEER NEW SALT GROUND for two years commencing the 16th. December 1763 @ Rupees 1256 ℔ Annum.	
MARCHITTY CHOMANA ..	VIZAGAPATAM ARRACK RENT for two years commencing the 20th. Decr. 1763 @ Rupees 1007 ℔ Annum.	
AUDAPAH KITSIAH	VIZAGAPATAM, BETTLE, TOBACCO & PASQUE JUNCAN for two years commencing the 20th. December 1763 @ Rup^{s}. 1800 ℔ annum.	This was let for y^{e}. same at last year because he was two Kistys indebted by this means we have a probability of retriving the Debt.

List of the Revenues for the Towns and Villages Under Vizagapatam, to whom rented for what Time and Term Anno. 1764—*cont.*

Kusharr Begg	Ammanabadah Town & Salt with Inge Rauze Pettah Salt for two years commencing 11th January 1764 @ 600 Pags.	
Kelapillee Ramanah ..	Walteer Town And Salt for two years commencing 1st. Feby. 1764 @ Rs. 4010 ℔ annum.	
The Names. of ye. Renters.		
Chicudu Andiapah	Walter New Salt Ground for two years commencing 1st. February 1764 @ 60 Rupees ℔ annum.	
Paul de Rozario	Vizagapatam New Rough Ground broke up for salt Pans and let for 5 years, first year nothing, second year 40 Rupees, third year 60 Rs. fourth year 80 Rupees and fifth year 100 Rupees, commencing 1st. Feby. 1764.	
Macking Peddah Vencana And Punta too Kistnama.	Matcaporam &Ca. Town & salt for two years commencing the 1st. Feby. 1764 @ Rupees 1772 ℔ annum.	It is was let for the same as last year because they were two Kistys indebted by this means we have approbability of retriving ye. debt.
Do.	Ditto New Salt Ground for two years commencing 12th. Feby. 1764 @ Rupees 350 ℔ Annum.	For the same reason as they are indebted for one year at 250 Rups. & the year of a year at 350 Rups. ℔ year.
Mosselecontee Cammajee ..	Alleporam & Ca. Town and salt for two years commencing 13th. Febry. 1764 @ Rupees 3455 ℔ Annum.	
Do.	Ditto new Salt Pan for two years commencing the 1th. April 1764 @ Rupees 30 ℔ annum.	
John Smith	Waltara & Ca. Towns two years commencing the 1th. April 1764 @ Rupees 3700 ℔ Annum.	
Do. ...	Uparra Town For two years commencing the 1th. April 1764 @ Pags. 275 ℔ annum.	

Vizagapatam
23o. June 1764.

John Smith.
Willm. Barker.

N°. 78.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have to pay to you for two Bills of Exchange the first dated Bombay August the 10th. 1763, and drawn by Mr. Hinckel.

	Star Pags.	1875	— —
The other of the 16th November 1763 drawn by Messrs Rottwill and Huulbeck		156	9 0
The Sum of Star Pagodas		2031	9 —
I wrote to Mr. Charles Bourchier, the 28th. of last Month and desired him to deliver to you, upon this account Star Pags.		733	8 20
And now I send, by the Bearer of this Captain Pedro Anthony, commanding a Portugues Frigate ..		1298	1 —
Compleating thus the above mentioned Sum of ..	Star Pags.	2031	9 —

I beg to be favoured with an answer that this sum was duely delivered, having the honor to be with the most perfect esteem and consideration.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
H. Abbestee.

Fort Dansbory
2d. July 1764.

N°. 79.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have duely received your favour of the 10th. of April and agreable to your desire, shall take the first Opportunity which may offer for sending round the Timber & Plank you have indented for as soon as the Season will permit, unless your Honor &cs. should send for them before.

We have not yet heard of any of the Ships from Bengal, & as the Season is now so far advanced, we conclude they must have lost their Passage, which will be unlucky, as we shall be much in want of the Salt Petre we expected by the Lord Mansfield to assist in dispathing our Ships home early next Season.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Chas. Crommelin.
Willm. Hornby.
W. A. Price.
Chas. Waters.
Samuel Court.
Cecil Bowyer.
James Ryley.

Bombay Castle
10th. June 1764.

No. 80.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council

of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honoured with your Letter of the 16th. Ultimo inclosing Cowles for the Farms lately relett which I have deliver'd to the several Renters.

Meer Baucker late Renter of Nizampatam I have allready inform'd you, is considerably indebted to the Honble Company a statement of which shall be sent to you so soon as the Salt remaining on the ground belonging to him can be taken an account of which the Rains we have had here has hither to Prevented.

I last Night received a Letter from Dolben at Bandarmalanka advising the Arrival there of the Leopard Snow John Panton Master from Fort Marlbro bound to Fort St. George, but had been obliged to bear away for want of water & Provisions Mr. Dolben acquaints me that the Captain reports the vessell to be very leaky and in want of Repair, who with your approbation proposes carrying her into the River there to give her such bad weather in his Passage, by which he had three Fellers broke and that in shipping the fourth he had the Misfortune of hurting his right hand so as to disable him from writing or he would have given your honor &ca. an account of the situation of this vessell himself he will wait at Bandarmalanka for your orders.

I am very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

your very Obedient and most humble

Servant

John Pybus.

Mazulipatam
6th. July 1764.

No. 81.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the Pleasure to receive your Favor under date of the 4th. of February last by the Companys Ship the Lord Clive Captain William Webber who imported here the 19th. of March.

We very sincerely congratulate Mr. Palk on his Accession to the Government, and we flatter ourselves that we shall allways experience your Attention to what we shall have occasion to acquire your Assistance in.

Our last addresses went by the Plassey Captain Durrell Clews (Via Natal) under date of the 4th. & 14th. of February, and enclosed you will please to receive Duplicates thereof as also of other Papers sent by that conveyance.

We have come to a resolution to dispatch the Lord Clive on to China and we purpose putting on board her Two hundred and fifty Tons of Pepper; which we apprehend will nearly if not quite sufficient to purchase her a carge of coarse Teas & China, what further may be necessary depends on your Honour &c^{a}. Council to supply by the Ships which may sail from your Presidency to Canton.

The Cargo of the Lord Clive for this Place has been deliver'd some time, and she is now taking in from the Godowns at Pooloo One hundred and nineteen Tons of Pepper which we hope will be compleated in a Day of two, as Captain Webber acquaints us that he is want of Arrack and many other articles which cannot be supplied him here we have given our consent to him touching at Batavia to which Place the Prince Henry was dispatched a few days by the way of Croee where she is to take in the remaining sixty Tons of Pepper and carry it to Batavia to be delivered to the Lord Clive there—The Prince Henry is afterwards to return here, with a supply of Arrack and Timber, Articles We are now in some distress for.

We shall have remaining in our Godown here after the Lord Clive's departure about three hundred and twenty Tons of Pepper and we expect to be able to collect near one hundred & fifty Tons more in Time for this years shipping which we think it necessary to apprize you of as it may be of service in regulating what is proper for your Honour &c^{a}. Council to send to Canton this year either an Account of the Shipping destin'd the way of this Coast or your Presidency.

From the purport of our advices from Canton, we have had reason to expect a much more considerable Number of Chinese than we have received which amount in the whole to only two hundred & fifty five we therefore shall not lay under any apprehension of want of Grain for their support as was mention'd in our Letter of the 14th. of February and of consequence there is no necessity for putting the Company to any extraordinary expence on this account. The Large supply by the Lord Clive, with that we shall be able to collect on this coast, will we imagine be fully sufficient to answer our demands for the current Year.

Upon the Houghtons arrival we determined to send the Greyhound Snow Palimbongon the Coast of Java for a supply of Rice, which resolution was alter'd on Captain Bowlands arrival here, as we there found, that no great number of Chinese, could be induced to come here, it gives us much concern, that this vessell was lain so long here on heavy and dead Charge to the Company our incapacity for giving her mast a repair, would not permit us to dispatch her back last year in Time, to save the monsoon, and the long and severe Illness of Captain Corry has prevented her being dispatch'd sooner this and indeed we were the less anxious, as she is now full early for a Quick and a safe Passage.

The Leopard Snow has been kept in employ and been of Service to us in bringing up the Pepper from our Subordinates.

We now dispatch both these vessels by which you will receive this address in Duplicates, and we beg your reference to the accompanying Lists of the Packets for the several Papers on them.

We are informed by private advices from Batavia, that the Earl Temple, is supposed to be lost on the Coast of the Island of Borneo many Bodys wearing, the uniform of that Ship having been seen there.

The Glatton Captain Doveton & the Pocock Captain Hook lost their Passage to Canton last Season, and were obliged to return to Batavia, from whence the former sail'd the 15th. November, and the latter the 2^{d}. February to pursue their voyages by the Pitts Track.

His Majesty's Ship the Panther left Batavia, the bound, to your side of India and the revenge Commodore Watson, proceeded on his voyage to Manilha the 13th. December.

The Cruttenden Captain Bowland arrived here, the 6th. March, but the Havanna Captain Madge meeting with a tedious Passage, we had not the pleasure of seeing her till the 30th. following. The Cruttenden was dispatch'd, the 11th. March and the Havanna, sail'd the 8th. of April, the Houghton left us the 28th. of February.

As it was difficult procuring Chinese at Manilha to come here, Mr. Drake & Council dispatch'd the Falmouth Captain O'Hara direct from thence to Europe, and she pass'd the streights of Sunda the 11th. of March. The Egmont Captain Mears and Britannia Captain Rous have also had a favourable voyage so far.

On adjusting Mr. Huberts Batavia Accounts, we find that Captain Durrell Clew has credited Mr. Herbert, Twelve hundred & thirty six Dollars less than was really advanced him by that Gentlemen an account of the Ship Pleasy at Batavia, we enclose in this Packet, an authenticated account of this mistake, with Captain Clews original Accounts and we hope you will not meet with any difficulty in recovering this sum from Captain Clews as we apprehend he can make no Exceptions thereto. Captain Clews must also refund to the Company, ninety six Dollars Two Soocoos on Account of his Chief Mate Mr. Alentons Wages he having drawn on Mr. Herbert for that sum, and afterwards charged in his Pay list here.

Mr. John Herbert is appointed to go to Batavia, and will embark on the Lord Clive, our Intention in sending him there is we are apprehensive, that the Dutch may raise difficultys in granting us the supplies we are in want of, which may be obviated by his experience, & Personal acquaintance with them, and we also think it necessary to procure some information of what they are doing at Batavia and Mr. Hubert, will have direction to forward to your Honor &ca. what Intelligence he may think interesting.

Dollars have been a long Time very scarce there, and our Currency consists entirely of Rupees and Paper Notes, which our necessitys have obliged us to circulate so far from being able to supply the Lord Clive with any for China we cannot furnish Mr. Herbert with what is wanted to purchase the few necessaries we write for to Batavia Last year we experienced, what a great loss arises by taking up in that City money for Bills on Europe, no less than 13 ℔ Cent exclusive of what further loss there may be by the remittance of the Payment from London to Amsterdam. It is this consideration, which has endured us to take up, Four hundred Teals of Golds on the Companys account for our purpose at Batavia.

As the value of this Gold is to be adjusted hereafter, according as it would have turn'd out in the Madrass Mint, we have taken out from each parcel 10Z which we now transmit on the Greyhound, and we request that you will please to order the same to be assayed, and a Calculate to be return'd us.

Mr. James Burnett, who transact our Affairs at Batavia, acquainted us, that our Honble Masters Snow the Luconia, which was drove from Manna to that Port in December last, received from the Panther Men of war 490 Yards of Canvass, the value of which was to be settled and paid for at Fort St. George, you will please to inform us how much we are to credit your Presidency on this account, as also to honor the Bill he drew on you for Two thousand five hundred Rex Dollars.

Our Honble Masters have been pleased to permit us to erect a bank here for lending there money to private Persons for the Benefit of Trade the same took place in March last, and on this Snow the Greyhound we have lent the sum of two thousand two hundred Dollars one thousand to Mr. Scott & one thousand two hundred to Mr. Coles by the Tenor of their Bonds, their attorneys are to acquaint you with the vessell on which it is propos'd to load the Goods to be return'd on this Account, and they are to have your approbation

thereon, and we are to acquaint your Honor &c^{a}. that by the regulations laid down the Honble Court direct that no more than one thousand Pound be risqued on one Vessell.

By this Vessell we have drawn your Honor &c^{a}. Council for a large amount, as you will observe by the account of the Certificates annexed, we cannot say that the money is absolutely necessary on the Companys account, but the hardship would be so great on Individuals, that we could not refuse, them this Priviledge, the more especially as there is no other way for to remit the amount of their Debts as Dollars cannot be procured, nor even are there more Rupees on the Place, than will serve the currency. We hope that these Drafts will not put you to any great difficulty to discharge, as we persuade ourselves that before they become due, you will have received remittance from England.

We return your Honor &c^{a}. Council Thanks, for the Blach Cattle sent by the Lord Clive seventeen of which were landed here and we shall be glad of what further supplys can be conveniently sent at Times, without incurring any extraordinary expence, and as the improvment of ours here, is what we mostly wish, an attention to the sort sent is necessary.

The Cargo of the Lord Clive turned out agreable to the Invoice.

Our Account current with your Presidency comes a number in our Packet.

The Arrival of the Chinese, among whom are some artificers, renders it less Material for us to detain longer here the Bombay and Bengal artificers, who are very desirous of returning to their respective Countrys, and are in no ways answerable to the Large Pay, they have. We have therefore taken the Opportunity of these two Vessels, to send the greatest part and were for your Honor &c^{a}. to the accompanying List, for the Number Names and Occupations, those for Bengal We suppose may be accommodated with a Passage immediately on their arrival with you, and the Bombay artificers can be employ'd on your Works, till an Opportunity offers to return them there, we have laid in provisions for them for the voyage so that the Captains have no demand on you on this account and enclosed is the Account of particulars.

We beg to refer you to the respective Invoices of these Vessells for what we have sent on them on the Companys Account, we hope the anchors, Beef & Pork will be useful, and with respect to the other particulars, we are of opinion, they will sell for more at Madrass, than here and the keeping them longer in our bad Godowns only will subject them to more damage, than they have allready received, as the Plassey could not take in all the Military Cloath ing that we had no occasion for, the remainder now goes, and is included in their Invoices, and you will please to forward them to Bombay by the first Conveyance.

Manifest of Private Trade, which we have permitted to be laden on the Greyhound & Leopard comes a Number in the Packet.

We are to request that you will please to send us by the first Conveyance Two hundred & fifty suite of cloathing for our Seapoys, amongst which must be sixteen Havildars and twenty Naigs suits.

We remain with due regard.
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Roger Carter.
Henry Idell.
Robert Nairne.
John Herbert.

Fort Marlbrough
3^{d}. May 1764.

Postcript [*sic*].

We have drawn on your Honor &c^{a}. Council the following Bills of Exchange all dated the 24th. April 1764 Value deposited into the Honble Companys cash here.

1	Sett in favour of Willam Flockhart payable to M^{r}. Peter or order .. .. Pags.	₱	200	—	—	125	—	—
1	Sett in favour of Captain Rich^{d}. Dawson payable to Charles Bourchier Esqr.		928	3	—	580	16	76
1	Sett in favour of Roger Carter Esqr. payable to D^{o}.		12800	—	—	8000	—	—
1	Sett in favour of Captain Rich^{d}. Dawson payable to M^{r}. John Parley or order ..		273	2	50	171	—	45
1	Sett in favour of Captain Robert Frazier payable to M^{r}. Robt. Touring or order		600	—	—	376	—	—
1	Sett in favour of George Scott Esqr. payable to M^{r}. Peter Perring or order ..		1000	—	—	625	—	—
1	Sett in favour of Edward Coles payable to Claud Russell Esqr. or order ..		649	3	—	406	3	30
1	Sett in favour of Robert Nairne Esqr. payable to Samuel Ardley Esqr. or order.		7092	3	81	4433	3	36
1	Sett in favour of Henry Idell Esqr. payable to M^{r}. James Hay or order ..		2500	—	—	1562	18	—
1	Sett in favour of M^{r}. James Stevenson payable to M^{r}. Robert Turing or order.		4234	—	—	2646	9	—
10	Setts amounting to D^{s}.	D^{s}.	30679	—	31	18924	15	21

Fort Marlbro
3^{D}. May 1764.

We remain
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants.
Roger Carter.
Henry Idell.
Robert Nairne.
John Herbert.

No. 82.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This accompanys our Cash Accounts Journal Parcells & other Monthly Papers.

We are sorry to say our Merchants have been hitherto rather backward, in bringing in cloth however they promise to make up for their lost time, and no means shall be wanting on our parts to excite them to the Performance of their Engagements, and the dispatch of the Business.

Your Honor &c^{a}. are well acquainted that in the late War, when the French were in possession of this Place, they entirely destroy'd the Fort of St. Davids. The Factory House at Cuddalore, & in a great measure, the Garden House at new Town, and in short most of the Buildings belonging to the Honble Company so that since, the reestablishment of this Settlement, there has been no house of the Companys for the Chief here to live in, and therefore have been oblig'd to rent houses at different times for that purpose, but as the owners of them may (& as we are inform'(d) have intentions of disposing of them whenever, an Opportunity Offers in such case the Chief would be oblig'd

to remove & there not being many houses here fit for him to reside in, the Inconvenience it would put him to as well as hindrance it might occasion to the Companys Business must be obvious to your Honor &c^{a}. and consequently how necessary it is to have a house of the Company's for his residence. This induced us to have a survey taken of the Garden house. The walls of which are standing & on inspection are reported to be perfectly Good & also that several of the Outhouses are remaining intire for being arch'd their Roofs were not destroyed by the French with the rest so that the chief repairs it wants are Roofs to the House & some of the Godowns, Windows Doors &c^{a}. which we are informed by a Calculation we have had made if it is cover'd with an Armazon Roof of Palmeiras & Tiles & the other Repairs conducted with oeconomy it may be done in such a manner, as to be a convenient House for the Chief for about the sum of one thousand Pagodas, & as we have all ready set for the necessity there is for having one for the Chief We therefore take the Liberty of recommending to your Honors &c^{a}. Consideration, the repairing the above mention'd House, as it can be done at so small an expence & as otherwise it will in a short time be entirely in ruins.

We have the honor to be with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
JOHN LEWIN SMITH.
JOHN CALLAND.

CUDDALORE,
17TH. JULY 1764.

A List of Cloth on Hand.

At the Washers	45 Bales
Beaters	6
Dyers	15½
	66½ Bales

No. 83.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Present is solely to give cover to a Duplicate of our last, and to a Bill for Customs on Goods imported by the late M^{r}. John Hatfield, belonging to Messrs. Pelling and Defreis at your Place, which we are to request you will recover from those Gentlemen & Credit us for the amount as M^{r}. Hatfields Executor acquaints us it has never been charged to their Account by the Deceased, and consequently they become answerable for the same.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
CHA^{S}. CROMMELIN.
WILL^{M}. HORNBY.
WILL^{M}. PRICE.
CHA^{S}. WATERS.
SAML. COURT.
CECIL BOWYER.
JAMES REYLEY.

BOMBAY CASTLE
15TH. JUNE 1764.

No. 84.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you under date the 31st. Ultimo of which a Duplicate has been since transmitted.

On the 14th. Instant Imported here the ship Plassey from Fort Marlbro having met with a violent Gale of wind, in her Passage she put into Vizagapatam, in a very distressed Condition, which rendering her incapable of proceeding to Madrass at this season of the year, the Chief & Council at that Place dispatch'd her to us, and perceiving by an extract of the Fort Marlbro Letter to your Presidency, that they report her to be by no means, calculated for the service of that Coast We have determined to dispose of her at publick sale to the highest Bidder. The Amount of the Sale, in which shall be included the stores supplied her at Vizagapatam, shall be carried to the Credit of your Presidency.

We purpose to dispatch the Diligent Snow as soon as she can get out of the River, with a supply of Provisions for Fort Marlbro, and we shall also return thither the Greyhound, as soon as possible after her arrival; of these particulars we advised your Honor &ca. that knowing our Intentions you take what Opportunity you can of further supplying their wants which they represent to be very urgent.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Henry Vansittart.
J. Spencer.
Warren Hastings.
Randh. Marriott.
H. Watts.
Saml. Middleton.
Ralph Leycester.
John Burdett.

Fort William
18th. June 1764.

No. 85.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to advice your Honor &ca. that Ramah Lengalh, the Porto Novo Merchant, Exports by a Chellingea on account of the Honble Company for your Settlement, as ₱ his Account delivered in Long Cloth Worriarpolum 8 Call fourteen Corge (14) Long Cloth Chennam Wch. pollam 9, Call Three Corge two Pieces (3–2) Long Cloth Fine 12 Call Three Corge two pieces (3–2) Half pieces Blue 9th. Call sixteen Corge (16); and Remain with great Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
23d. July 1764.

No. 86.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From a Calculate of the Remains of Salt Petre, now in our Warehouse, and the Investment, which we ma yexpect this year of that Article, We judge, we shall be able fully to supply your Wants, We desire therefore to be advised early, what they may amount to, & what prospect you have of an Investment for Assisting in the Dispatch of the Ships for Europe the ensuing season.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Sevants
Henry Vansittart.
John Spencer.
Warren Hastings.
Randr. Marriott.
H. Watts.
Saml. Middleton.
Ralph Leycester.

Fort William
the 25th. June 1764.

No. 87.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to our last advices of the 23d. Ultimo we have had the Merchants recalled from the Country and have now the Pleasure to acquaint your Honor &ca. that we have with great difficulty prevailed with them to contract for two hundred Bales, the half of which will we imagine be in readiness for the Dispatch of the September Ship, so that we now flatter ourselves with hopes of being able to procure near three hundred Bales by that period, the Quantity of Cloth now on hand is expressed at the foot hereof.

In consequence of your Honor &ca. directions concerning the Beteelas, we have ordered a few Pieces of each Sort to be made by way of Musters, which we shall send your Honor &ca. when finished, by which you may judge, whether they will answer the end proposed, as we are not sufficiently acquainted with their real values.

The Moores for Chints of the like Musters as those which Mr. Smith brought down, we have not been able to provide, as the Merchants say they cannot undertake to make them at low prices your Honor &ca. have been pleased to direct of which we before advised you in a former address of the 13th. August 1763. so that we shall now endeavour to find out some other Cloth, which may answer the same purpose as formerly.

The method which you Honor &ca. proposed for the Increase of our Investment, will tend little to the purpose as our Cloth which is turn'd out at Sorting is so excessive bad, that we cannot think of accepting it at any abatement whatsoever, and as to the Fine & Midling Cloth which are not of their proper Qualities, are generally sorted to inferior Numbers or returned to the Merchants, as not being fit for the Compays use.

By your Honor &c^{a}. favour of the 31st. Ultimo we observe you desire the Company, may not be put to any unnecessary expence, in making alterations, or new Works to this Garrison, which was never our Intention, and you likewise please to say, that we have allready had permission for making Gun Carriages, but that order we apprehend extended no farther then for those six Guns, which we received by the Deligent Snow in April last, whereas a general supply is much wanted as we have none but what are intirely unfit for service.

By this conveyance the General Books of this Settlement ending April 1764 are now forwarded together with the Journal Parcells for the Months of April May & June and we have nothing further, to add, but to beg your Honor &c^{a}. Council will please to favour us, with a further supply of money for the use of the Investment of which we are in great want, as we have since the close of the account for June, disburst all the Money on hand for that Purpose, and we have the honor to remain with the utmost Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
JOHN SMITH.
WILLIAM BARKER.

VIZAGAPATAM
30TH. JULY 1764.

Cloth in y^{e}. Warehouse Embaled—

L C O ..	33 Bas.	..	..	Co.	49	10	—	
L C M ..	17 D^{o}.	..	..		34	—	—	
L C F ..	2 D^{o}.	..	..		18	—	—	
Bas. 59						Co.	101	10 —
At the Wash—								
L C O ..	.	..	..	Co.	149	5	—	
L C M ..	..	..	..		42	3	—	
L C F ..	..	..	..		25	19	—	
							217	7 —
				Corge	..		318	17 —

No. 88.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.
ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL FOR THE
RIGHT HONBLE THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY & THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Gentlemen of our Factory at Bimilipatam in their Letter dated the 8th. Ultimo informs us, that the following Merchants of that Place Mopody Chitty Jagaya, Tamana Jagoonaikaloo & Nalamalla Narsimboloe, who are indebted to our Company in the large sum of Florins 25024 18 — absconded themselves, some to Poondymarka & others to Vizagapatam & Visnagar; that they did thereupon endeavour to seize them again or bring them back, but they were denied that satisfaction by Messrs. John Smith & William Barker, your Residents at Vizagapatam as you will observe by Copies of their Letters sent herewith for your perusal and we take the Liberty now to apply to you requesting that you will be pleased in a friendly manner to order the Delivery of the said Merchants now at Vizagapatam to our Resident at Bimilipatam, that they might settle their accounts with the Company & then go their way, as to their allegations that their Ballances were Transferr'd on Sicawirana. & that

it has been paid by him & that it is now four years since they had left Bimilipatam they are no more than excuses invented by them; We flatter ourselves you will depend when we have the honor to tell you that these three Merchants signed to their Accounts last year with the rest of Merchants & agreed to their contracts for the present year.

We assure you on such Occasions you will find us with great readiness to return you the compliment being with the most perfect Esteem

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your sincere Friends & Obedient Servants
[*Lacuna*]

NEGAPATAM
THE JULY 1764.

No. 89.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favour'd with your Commands of the 16th. Ultimo & shall punctually conform to your directions relating to the Salem Cloth.

In consequence of your Directions to Mr. Smith, he has enquired into the state of the Arrack Farm & from the best information he has been able to procure finds it really is as the Renter represented to your Honor &ca. it appearing by the account he has delivered in & which is confirmed by others Mr. Smith has likewise procured and which we transmit you herewith, that the neat proceeds thereof from the 1st. of February to the 31st. July inclusive amounts only to Pags. 398–20–5 consequently had he been oblig'd to Pay his monthly Kists of Pags. 175–0–0 for these six Months past he would actually have been a considerable sufferer, we shall therefore agreable to your Permission, receive for the present the said sum of Pagodas 398–20–5 & continue to receive Monthly whatever the said Farm may produce untill a change of circumstances may alter the state of it.

We have also view'd, the Godowns at Cuddalore belonging to Mr. John Whitehill, & which as we apprehend, they must be pulled down (or at least Part of them) whenever a Factory house is erected there & having likewise been occupied by the Company for some years past, the Rent of which would amount to a considerable sum, We are therefore of opinion it would be most eligible for your Honor &ca. to purchase them, & the rather so as from a Survey we have had taken of them, they are valued only at the sum of Pags. 300.

Sometime ago we received the accompanying Letters from our assistants Messrs Goddard & Barclay setting forth the unavoidable necessity they are under of keeping Pallankeens by the great distance, they are from the sorting Godown & their inability to support such an expence on their small salaries having no other Emoluments of any kind, & therefore requesting us to interceed with your Honor &ca. to make them some allowance for that purpose, & which as we are sensible of, the Justness of their Plea, we beg leave to recommend to your most favourable Consideration assuring your Honor &ca. their Deligence and behaviour equally claim it.

Enclosed are our Cash Account Journal Parcells and other monthly Papers for July and remain with great Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most humble servants,
J. L. SMITH.
JOHN CALLAND.

CUDDALORE
14TH. AUGUST 1764.

List of Cloth on hand.

At the Washers ...	...	... 38
Dyers ...	...	... 53¾
Beaters ...	...	... 41¾
	Bales	... 133½

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.

Chief &cA. Council at Cuddalore.

Sirs,

I beg leave to lay before you the great Inconvenience I labour under by being oblig'd to keep a Pallankeen owing to the great Distance (about 3 Miles), I am at from the sorting Godown Besides having rivers & deep sands to cross, & there being no Apartments nigher renders it absolutely necessary, & without which it is impossible for me to give proper Attendance to the Honble Companys Business.

Finding my Inability to support such an Expence out of my very small Allowance & no advantage accruing to me at this Place lays me under the necessity to request the favour of you Sirs, to represent this to the Honble Governour & Council, who I doubt not will be pleased to take into Consideration.

I am with much Respect,

Sirs

Your most Obedient & most Hble Servt.

Robt. Barclay.

Cuddalore

1st. Augt. 1764.

ACCOUNT OF THE NEAT PRODUCE OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS ARRACK FARM AT CUDDALORE FROM THE 1ST. OF FEBRUARY TO 31ST. OF JULY 1764 DELIVER'D IN BY SADASHEVE ROW THE RENTER.

Dr.

1764		Gals.	Dr.	Pags.	F.	C.	Pags.	F.	C.
Febry.	To Batavia Arrack Sold	10¾	7½						
	@ 25 36 ℔ Gal			7	26	20			
	To Country Arrack Sold	2773							
	@ 17 6 ℔ Doz			131	15	40			
							139	5	60
	Pagodas ..						139	5	60
March	To Country Arrack Sold	359¼	3½						
	@ 17 : 4 ℔ Gall			..			170	7	30
	Pagodas ..						170	7	30
April	To Country Arrack Sold	315¾							
	@ 17 : 7 ℔ Gal			..			149	32	20
	Pagodas ..						149	32	20

Cr.

1764		Gal.	Dr.	Pags.	Fas.	C.	Pags.	Fas.	C.
Feby.	By Prime cost of the Batavia Arrack	10¾	7½						
	@ f. 16 12 ℔ Gal.			4	32	10			
	By Prime cost of Country Arrack	277	3						
	@ 7–4 ℔ Gal			54	8	23			
							59	4	33
	By Cooley here &ca. charges ..			2	31	40			
	By Servants Wages			11	18	—			
	By Godown Rent			1	6	—			
							15	19	40
							74	23	73
	By Neat Profit this Month ..			..			64	17	67
	Pagodas ..						139	5	60
March	By Prime cost of Country Arrack	359¼	3⅓						
	@ f6 50 ℔ Gal. ..						66	6	58
	By Cooley hire, Servants Wages & Godown Rent			..			16	—	—
							82	6	58
	By Neat Profit this Month ..			..			88	—	52
	Pagodas ..						170	7	30
April	By Prime cost of ye. Country Arrack	315¾	2						
	@ f 6 : 56 ℔ Gal. ..						58	26	—
	By Cooley hire Servant Wages & Godown Rent			..			13	19	20
							72	9	20
	By Neat Profit this Month ..			..			77	23	—
	Pagodas ..						149	32	20

ACCOUNT OF THE NEAT PRODUCE OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS ARRACK FARM AT CUDDALORE FROM THE 1ST. OF FEBRUARY TO 31ST. OF JULY 1764 DELIVER'D IN BY SADASHEVE ROW THE RENTER—*cont.*

1764		Gal. Dr.	Pags.	F.	C.	Pags.	F.	C.
May	To Country Arrack Sold @ 17 : 4 ℔ Gal.	268 3/4 1/4				127	12	40
		Pagodas ..				127	12	40
June	To Country Arrack Sold @ 17 : 7 ℔ Gal.	213 3/4 1/2				101	18	20
		Pagodas ..				101	18	20

1764		Gal. Dr.	Pags.	Fas.	C.	Pags.	Fas.	C.
May	By Prime Cost of ye. Country Arrack 268 3/4 : 4 @ 7 :19 ℔ Gal.		..			54	1	64
	By Cooley hire, Servants Wages & Godown Rent		..			12	33	20
						66	35	4
	By Neat Profit of it this Month		..			60	13	36
			Pagodas ..			127	12	40
June	By Prime Cost of the Country Arrack 213 3/4 1/2 @ 6 : 20 ℔ Gal.	Gal. Dr.	...			37	4	—
	By Cooley hire Servants Wages & Godown Rent		..			12	25	20
						49	29	20
	By Neat Profit this Month					51	25	—
			Pagodas ..			101	18	20

ACCOUNT OF THE NEAT PRODUCE OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS ARRACK FARM AT CUDDALORE FROM THE 1ST. OF FEBRUARY TO 31ST. OF JULY 1764 DELIVER'D IN BY SADASHEVE ROW THE RENTER—*cont.*

		Gal. Dr.	Pags.	F.	C.
July ..	To Country Arrack sold @ 17:6 ℔ Gal.	229¼ 1	108	28	20
	Pagodas ..		108	28	20

		Gal. Dr.	Pags.	F.	C.
July ..	By Prime Cost of the Country arrack 229¼ Dr. 1 @ f. 6:20 ℔ Gal.		39	27	—
	By Cooley hire Servants Wages & Godown Rent		12	25	10
			52	16	10
	By Neat Profit this Month		56	12	10
	Pagodas ..		108	28	20

ABSTRACT OF THE ABOVE ACCOUNT

Dr.	Gal. Dr.	Pags.	F.	C.
To Battavia Arrack sold from the 1st. Febry. to 31st. of July	10¾ 9½	7	26	20
To Country Do. 1664 4 — ..		789	6	10
Pagodas ..		796	32	30

Cr.	Gal. Dr.	Pags.	F.	C.
By Prime cost of the Batavia Arrack from 1st. of February to 31st. July	10¾ 7½ ..	4	32	10
By Do. Country Do. 1664 4 ..		310	1	65
		314	33	75
By Charges for the above 6 months ..		83	14	30
		398	12	25
By Neat Proceeds for the said 6 months.		398	20	5
Pagodas ..		796	32	30

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief &c^a^. Council of Cuddalore

Sirs

I take the Liberty to lay before you the Inconvenience which I have Laboured under, ever since my Arrival at S^t^. Davids, being oblig'd to keep a Palankeen owing to the Distance, I am at from the sorting Godown, & Besides Rivers, to Cross, which renders it, absolutely necessary; & without which it is impossible for me to give a Proper attendance to the share of the Honble Companys Business, allotted me Finding my Inability to support it longer must beg leave to desire the Favor you will represent it to the Honble Governour & Council humbly hoping they will be pleased to take it into consideration.

I am with Respect,
Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. & very humble Servant
Walter Goddard.

Cuddalore
23^d^. July 1764.

N°. 90.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with your Commands of the 16th. & 27th. Ultimo In consequence of which M^r^. Dolben was acquainted with the Permission you had pleased to grant him of coming to the Presidency & of your having appointed M^r^. Whitehill to succeed him at Bandarmalanka who took upon him the charge there the 31st. Ultimo, and begs leave to return your Honor &c^a^. his Thanks for this Mark of your Favor & to assure you, that his best endeavours shall be exerted to deserve it M^r^. Dolben likewise desires me to return his thanks for the Indulgence granted him & the satisfaction you have been pleased to express with his Conduct in the Bussyness of the Investment during his Management there.

I have acquainted Captain Panton of the Leopard Snow with your Resolution relating to the Destination of that Vessell & under Cover is Copy of the orders I have given him in Consequence.

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit you the Accounts of this Settlement for the two last Months, and must beg your excuse for not having forwarded those of June earlier which has been owing to Indisposition.

Your Honor &c^a^. will find at the Foot hereof no Account of the Cloth on hand here and at Bandarmalanka, but M^r^. Whitehill has since advised me that he hopes to have 250 Bales in readiness by the 8th. or 10th. of next Month when he purposes to dispatch them & to order the Vessell here to take in those from this Place which will be about twenty two so that your Honor &c^a^. may reckon on having upwards of two hundred & seventy Bales by the latter end of next Month.

I am very respectfully,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most humble Servant
John Pybus.

Masulipatam
12th. Augt. 1764.

Cloth on hand at Mazulipatam—

Chay Goods — — — 2000 Pieces—
At Bandarmalanka

Long Cloth	Ordinary	Co	125	6 —
	Midling	..	107	11 —
	Fine	..	38	15 —
	Izzarrees	..	7	2 —
	Corge	..	278	14 —

No. 91.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letters of the 14th. Ultimo & 4th. Instant with the Honble Companys Packet for this Presidency ℔ the Northumberland.

On the 14th. Instant the Companys Snow Greyhound arrived here from Fort Marlborough According to her Destination she should have proceeded to your Presidency We have therefore been under the necessity of opening the Packet, to take out the advices for ourselves & the Papers relating to the Vessel we have also kept the papers relative to the error in Captain Clews account, & shall demand the amount thereof from him, The remaining Number of the Packet are herewith transmitted to your Honor &ca.

In consequence of your Letter of the 14th. Ultimo we have directed a supply of Packing stuff & Jaggery to be prepared for the use of your Presidency, But in future we desire you will specify by an Indent the Quantity of Gunneys & Gunny Rope you may want as we are not acquainted with what the Package of your Bales require.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Yur most Obedient humble Servant
Henry Vansittart.
J. Spencer.
Warren Hastings.
Randr. Marriott.
H. Watts.
Samuel Middleton.
Ralph Leycester
John Burdett.

Fort William
16 July 1764.

No. 92.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favoured with your Address of the 13th. and shall strictly observe the Commands of our Honble Masters regarding the Turn'd out Cloth.

The Repairs are begun of the Garden house & your Honor &co. may depend they shall be conducted with the greatest economy.

We are to advise you that Ramah Lingah the Porto Novo Merchant Exports on account of the Honble Company ℔ a Chelingea for your Settlement Long Cloth fine 12 Call four Corgs, two pieces (4—2) Long Cloth Chinnamaickpollam 9 Call seven Corge two Pieces (7—2—0) Long Cloth Worriarpolam 8 Call, Ten Corge six pieces (10:6) Half pieces Blue, sixteen Corge (16) & Remain with great Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants.
J. L. Smith
John Calland

Cuddalore
24th. August 1764.

List of Cloth on hand—

Bales	28½	At Washers.
	40	Beaters.
	58½	Dyers.
	20	Embal'd.
Bales	147	

N°. 93.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves chiefly to enclose the accounts of this Settlement for last Month by which your Honor &ca. will please to observe that our Ballance of Cash is very low therefore we hope you will be pleased to assist us with a further supply the first Opportunity and we hope you will likewise please to furnish us with a sufficient quantity of Madeira Wine for the use of this Settlement The Long Cloth now on hand is expressed at the foot hereof, and we have nothing farther to add, but to assure your Honor &ca. that we remain with the utmost Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Smith
Willm. Barker.

Vizagapatam
18th. Augt. 1764.

Cloth in the Warehouse
Embaled

L.C.O.	33	Bales	..	qtg.	Corge	...	49	10
L.C.M.	17						34	—
L.C.F.	9						18	
Bales	59	Qtg.				Co.	101	40

At the Wash—

L.C.O.	...	..	..	..	Co.	187	—	
L.C.M.	...	..	...	..		56	—	
L.C.F.	..	..	..	..		34	18	
							278	10
					Corge		380	—

N°. 94.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with your Commands of the 13th. Instant, and in Obedience thereto have acquainted Mr. Whitehill with that part of them relating to the taking in all Cloths of the sortments providing at Bandarmalanka of the proper Lengths & Breadths, on an adequate abatement being made in the Price for defect in Quality, but this will I apprehend be a very difficult Point to adjust with the Merchants, as it must be determined by the Opinion of one Person only, and I must fear could this ever be settled to their entire satisfaction) which 'tis vain to hope can ever be accomplished) it will not be the only Inconvenience attending the adopting this Plan But that it would very soon have a visible bad effect on the Quality of the whole Investment made there, which has been with much Pains & Difficulty brought to its present state of Perfection, as it would require a very nice Judgement to put such a value on the Cloths that would in a short time be brought in, as should be adequate to the difference in Quality if its being full measure was the onlv Point to be regarded, and as the ordinary sortments are manufactured with so much more care & dispatch to the Weaver than the fine the Investment would I may venture to pronounce, very soon consist of nothing else, as they would be better satisfied with a small Profit with little Labor, than a larger one with more As therefore I apprehend it can be of no material bad consequence to differ the putting this method in Practise, a short time longer I have given Mr. Whitehill orders to wait the doing so till I can receive your further Directions on the subject, and here it becomes proper to request to be informed, whether this order is meant to extend to the Chay Goods providing at this Place, as the Quantity of these has been usually limited. The Qualities of which too, I am sorry to observe have been so exceptionable this year, that I have been under the necessity of turning out near half of what the Merchants have brought in, & begin to fear I shall fall some what short of the quantity I gave hope of sending you by the vessell shortly expected here with the Bales from Bandarmalanka.

The Neighbourhood of Nizam Allys army to these Parts should seem a favourable Opportunity for the sale of Woollens, but I do not find the demand for them in the least increased by this Circumstance nor can I prevail with any Merchants here to engage for any Quantity which they seem to be deterr'd from by the Arbitrary Proceeding of the Subats, who has of late seized Goods & effects belonging to several Merchants at Idrabad without paying for them, and who should he be in want of Broad Cloth, would they conclude use as little Ceremony, with them & prevent their disposing of it to such who would gladly purchase it for them for ready money But I shall be particularly careful to advise you of any favorable Occasion, which hereafter present itself for getting off any Quantity to advantage. The Indent I forwarded for this Article sometime ago, for the retail demand here I am to request may be complied with as likewise my Indent for stationary for which I am very much distressed.

I forwarded yesterday to Vizagapatam under an escort of Seapoys ten thousand Madras Pagodas for the services of the Investment agreeably to what you have been pleased to direct, which is all the Present state of my cash & the demands for the Investments providing at Bandarmalanka and this place would allow me to spare.

Inclosed you will be pleased to receive a Manifest of sundry Goods shipped on board bound from this Place for Madras which have paid no Customs here.

The weather having been so favourable as to admit of settling the Account Remains of Salt belonging to the late Renter of Nizampatam who is very considerably indebted to the Honble Company a Statement of his Account Current and a particular Account of the several outsanding Debts here due from theirs shall wait on you with my next address.

I am very Respectfully

MASULIPATAM — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

28TH. AUGUST 1764. — Your most Obedient & most humble

Servant

JOHN PYBUS.

N°. 95.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL

AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 27th. Ultimo we duly received & shall endeavour to have the Cloth we have on hand ready as soon as possible, but it is with regret we must acquaint your Honor &ca. that notwithstanding the strong Assurances our Merchants gave us of fullfilling the first part of their Contract, that they have not near compleated their Quotas of Cloth they were to deliver in by the first of september there being no less than eleven thousnd. seven hundred & Eighty three (11783) Pieces deficient & great part of what is delivered, brought in so late, that it will be with difficulty we can have it all embaled by the end of the month, however your Honor &ca. may depend on our utmost Dispatch.

In consequence of the above mention'd neglect of our Merchants we call'd them before us to give their reasons for this failure in their Engagements, but found they had no reasonable excuse to offer, only promising as usual to be more carefull in future & punctually to perform the remainder of their contracts It may not be amiss to inform you, that Nella Chitty Strashlaputy & Ramiah have been the most tardy for of the before mention'd Deficiency three thousand four hundred & twenty six Pieces (3426) are due from the Former & four thousand nine hundred ninety three Pieces (4993) from the latter, to make up their respective Quotas.

All the Honble Companys Buildings at this Place, that were not totally destroyed by the French being greatly out of Repair by the damage & Neglect they suffer'd during the late War & which was encreas'd by the violent storm that happen'd here last year. Your Honor &ca. cannot therefore be surprised, that many Repairs are wanted for in the abovemention'd Storm our Flag Staff was entirely destroyed & nothing left for a long time to distinguish the Port

but the Colours belonging to the Dutch Factory, which has induced us to set up another & our Surgeon has represented the Hospital to be in so bad a Condition that unless it is repaired before the approaching Monsoon it will not be habitable for the sick, the place we also make use of for a Magazine is in as bad a Condition & consequently if not immediately repaired the Stores therein must be all spoilt & a few days ago the Roof of the Guard Room at Cuddalore fell in, as these were Works that required to be immediately set about we have therefore ordered such Temporary Repairs to them as are absolutely necessary with some other trifling ones equally requisite all which we hope your Honor &v^{a}. will approve of several necessaries likewise are wanted for carrying on the Companys Buisness such as Writing Desks, Tables & a few Chairs &c^{a}. at the sorting Godown Mercalls & other Measures & Weights for collecting the Measureing Duty &c^{a}. which we hope your Honor &c^{a}. will permit us to provide assuring you we will only procure such as we have real occasion for.

Ramah Lingah the Porto Novo Merchant exports on account of the Honble Company ℔ a Chillinga for your Settlement as ℔ his account deliver'd in Long Cloth Sheally 12 Call Two Corge (2) Long Cloth Chennamanickpollam 9 Call for Corge ten pieces (4 10) Long Cloth Worraiarpollam 8 call nine Corge (9) Half Pieces Blue 9 Call twelve Corge (12).

Enclosed are our Cash Accounts Journall Parcells & other monthly Papers for August together with Indents for Wares & Stores which we request your Honor &c^{a}. speedy compli^{ce}. with the Settlement being in much want of them.

We are Respectfully,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

J. L. Smith.

John Calland.

Cuddalore

1st. Septr. 1764.

P.S.—Since writing the Foregoing we have received your Honor &c^{a}. Letter of the 8th. Instant & will dispatch our Bales to you, as we get them ready in the manner you direct.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

J. L. Smith.

John Calland

List of Cloth Hand.

Bales	48	At Washers.
	15	Beaters.
	66½	Dyers.
	57	Embal'd.
Bales	186½	

INDENT OF WARES & STORES FOR THE USE OF CUDDALORE FACTORY.

	Can.	Md.	lb.
GENERAL STORES	1	—	—
Bolt Iron	5	—	—
Flat Barrs Dº.	1	—	—
Square Dº.	—	10	—
Red Iron	—	10	—
Steel	—	10	—
Nails 4 Penny	—	10	—
6 Dº	—	10	—
10 Dº.	—	10	—
20 Dº.	—	10	—
30 Dº.	—	10	—
40 Dº.	—	10	—
Pump Nails	—	,,	— 12½
Tar	Barrels 6		
Pitch	Dº. 2		
Europe Canvas	Bolts 6		
Vitree	Dº. 1		
Stationary		½ Chest.	
Anchors from 3½—0 to 9. Weight		6 Chest.	
Brass Nails	500		
Hour Glasses	6		
2 Hour Dº.	6		
½ Minute Dº.	3		
¼ Dº. Dº.	3		
Sail Needles	24		
Spying Glasses	2		
Tin Lanthorns	6		
Horn Lanthorns	25		
Europe Cordage ½ Inch. Coils.	2		
Dº. 2½ Dº. Dº.	2		
3½ Dº. Dº.	1		
4 Dº. Dº.	1		
Screw Plates	3		
Hand Vices	3		
Files of sorts	24		
ARMOURY STORES.			
Drum Heads	12		
Drum Snares	6		
Drum Cords	6		
Drum Sticks	Pairs 6		
Goods for Presents & Sale.			
BROAD CLOTH FINE.			
	Pieces.		
Superfine Scarlet	3		
Scarlet fine	6		
Green Dº.	1		
	10 Pieces		
BROAD CLOTH AURORA	6		
BROAD CLOTH ORDINARY.			
Red	3		
Green	3		
	6 Pieces		
PERPETUANOES ORDINARY.			
Red	2		
Green	8		
Yellow	3		
	13 Pieces		

Lead 1 Candy.

CUDDALORE
10TH. SEPTR. 1764.
JOHN CALLAND.

N°. 96.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to advice your Honor &ca. that we have this day dispatch'd to you a Chellinga on board of which we have laden Forty two Bales of Callicoes on account of the Honble Companys Invoice & Bill of Lading of which are enclosed & hope will arrive safe.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
13th. Septr. 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand.

Bales	40½	At Wash.
	22½	At Beaters.
	34½	At Dyers.
	47	Embaled.
Bales	144½	

N°. 97.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now the Pleasure to acquaint that our Honble Masters Ship Devonshire Imported here on the 28th. Ultimo, by which conveyance we have received the Treasure and Stores which were consigned for this Settlement, and agreable to your Directions we have this day dispatch'd the said Ship for Bengal.

The Complaints of the Dutch at Bimblepatam concerning their Merchants are far from just, however, we shall enquire very particularly in those matters, and shall inform you by the firt Opportunity of the true Circumstances relative to those Affairs.

As to the sale of Woollen Goods at this Place we shall endeavour to promote as much as possible, the Quantity we are afraid cannot be great.

We must beg some Directions from your Honor &c^{a}. concerning the following Persons who have served their limited time in the Companys Service, and are now desirous of renewing their Contract for five years from the 26th. Instant.

Hendrick Boyl
Jacob Bisdon } Souldiers
Gerheard Slother

Nothing further occuring at present we have only to add our due Respects & are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Smith.
Charles Smith.
Willm. Barker.

Visagapatam
1st. Septr. 1764.

N°. 98.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
at Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since the date of the enclosed which is Duplicate of our last, we have received your Letter of the 14th. July with the Honble Companys Packet per Ship Worcester.

As we have resolved to send a Sum of Money to China the latter End of this Year, and think that the giving an early Intelligence of such supply may prove of essential consequence in Supporting the Companys Credit we have this day dispatched a vessell to the Supra cargoes with advice of our Intentions and enclosed we transmit a Triplicate of our said Letter to be forwarded by the first Opportunity from your Place, the same being left open for your Honor &c^{a}. more particular Information

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Henry Vansittart.
John Spencer.
Rand^{h}. Marriott.
Henry Watts.
Saml. Middleton.
Ralph Leycester.
John Burdett.

Fort William
6th. August 1764.

N°. 99.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We were this day favor'd with your address of the 18th. inclosing Extracts from our Honble Masters Letter relating to our Investment & shall carefully Observe their directions & remarks thereon.

Ramah Lingah the Porto Novo Merchant exports by a Chellinga for your Settlement on Account of the Honble Company as ℔ his account deliver'd in Viz^{t}. Long Cloth Worriarpolam Call Ten Corge (10) Long Cloth Chinnemanaickpollam 9 Call six Corge sixteen Pieces (6 16) Long Cloth Sheally 12 Call one Corge four Pieces (1—4) Half Pieces Blue Twelve Corge (12) & Remain with great Respect.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
21st. Septr. 1764.

List of Cloth on hand.

At the Washers	..	27½
Beaters	..	57½
Dyers	..	12½
Embaled	..	77
Bales	..	174½

N°. 100.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Gentlemen

I have taken the Opportunity of the Revenge Captain John Watson to remit the Cash Accounts of Manilha making a Ballance of one hundred and Eight thousand & six hundred & forty four Dollars in your favor.

Sixteen Chests are ship'd on board the admiral Pocock Captain Thomas Riddell containing 129288 Rupees for which you have herewith the Bill of Loading Eleven Chests containing 88000 Rupees making up the Ballance, I ship'd upon the Revenge Messrs. Stevenson and Jourdon have taken this Treasure under their management, and the Captain deliver'd them the Bills of Lading. which they have retained in their own Custody.

I have the honor to be with great Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
Dawsonne Drake.

Ship Ad^{l}. Pocock
At sea June 11th. 1764.

N°. 101.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

The Deputy Governour & Council of Manilha having been pleased to appoint me Resident at this Place & to empower me to drawn upon your Honor &c^{a}. for what sum I may have occasion, for, they not having left any Cash with

me I have been under the Necessity of drawing for two thousand Spanish Dollars (D^{s}. 2000) at sixty days sight in favor of M^{r}. Antonio D^{e}Souza or his Order.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble & Obedient Servant,
Quintin Crawford.

Manilha
5th. April 1764.

N°. 102.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
at Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Commands of the 27th. Ultimo, and shall be mindfull to take the earliest Opportunity of forwarding the Bales from hence and Bandarmalanka which will not be laden I imagine than the 20th. of this Month at farthest, as M^{r}. Whitehill acquaints me he shall dispatch his Vessell to this Place with his Bales the 16th. where you may be assured she shall meet with no unnecessary detention I have allready informed you, that I had found the Chay Goods brought in by the Merchants here so very indifferent in quality as to lay me under the necessity of rejecting nearly the half which will reduce the number of Bales of that Assortment by the conveyance above mention'd I fear to ten or twelve almost instead of twenty two which I before gave hope of But the remaining part of these Goods will wait on you in January.

In my last Address I acquainted you that the Salt remaining at Nizampatam, belonging to Meer Bauker the late Farmer of that District had been taken an Account of, and promised at Statement of his account Current with & a list of other outstanding Debts due from sundry Persons to the Honble Company which I have now the Honor to transmit you, In Meer Baukers Account Current No. 1 Your Honor &c^{a}. will perceive he has credit given him for Rupees 18,503 being the amount of Salt remaining on hand on reletting the Farm, and which has been carried to the Debit of the new Farmers, and that there still remains by the Books here a ballance due from him of R^{s}. 193094, of which only Rup^{s}. 43315—6—2 can be considered as recoverable. This will undoubtedly appear to you an immense debt to have arisen in three years being the time this man held the Farm of the Company, but tis to be considered that on his first taking charge of it he became burthened with a Debt of Rup^{s}. 65445—5 then due from Meer Said Husseen, for whom he had acted in the management of this Farm the year before, and in order to account as far as was in my Power for the Causes of this large outstanding ballance. I obtained, with some difficulty from the Inhabitants Despondus Masumadars &c^{a}. an account of the exact Produce of that District for the four years of Meer Baukers Management, and from the Servants who kept his (Meer Baukers) accounts, as well as from his own Information a particular account of the Disbursements he had made during that Period, which two Statements your Honor &c^{a}. will find in N°. 2 and will serve to set this matter in a much clearer Point of view to you, than any other method I could take. At the foot whereof you will be pleased to observe I have remarked that the greatest part of this Ballance has arose from the Deficiency in the quantity of Salt Manufactured & sold during this Period, which has been usually estimated at one half of what the Country has let for from the Ruined state to which the late Farmer is reduced by hold-

ing this Farm, it must appears somewhat strange to your Honor &c^{a}. that there should notwithstanding be found others ready to take it on nearly the same Terms it was to let him, in answer to which I must here beg leave to remark, that It was not without the greatest difficulty I could prevail on the present Farmers to deliver in Proposals who being I knew Responsible People; The most fit for the management of it, and for making such Improvements as I was informed it was still capable of I was the more solicitous to engage them in this Business who were I am perswaded prevail'd on from no other consideration than the prospect they at that time had of holding it for five years, which should they be disappointed in on the Expiration of the present Cowle they must be considerable sufferers. N°. 3 Contains a General account of the outstanding Debts due from sundry Persons to the Honble Company wherein I have particularized such as may be look'd upon as irrecoverable which as your Honor &c^{a}. will perceive are to a very considerable amount; That due from Meer Bauker I have endeavored to account for Those due from Tellagapah, Condanah & Mova Comrauze are of Long Standing & of which there were no hopes of recovering any Part for some time before M^{r}. Fairfield left this Settlement. I might have inserted in this account The large Ballance due from Meer Said Hussein and Timajee Renters of the Mazulipatam & Ponracca Salt for the year ending November 1762 amounting to Rupees 34,550, but as there was considerable, quantity of Salt remaining belonging to them which had been secured towards the Payment of this debt and which on being delivered over to the present Farmers Rustum Ally Cawn & Meerseid Hussein, they made themselves responsible for to the Company, it has been carried to their Debit in the Books of this Settlement. It may not be improper notwithstanding to say something here on the subject of this ballance, That your Honor &c^{a}. may determine whether or not the Parties, are intitled to any consideration on account the Circumstances I shall here have the Honor to relate to you on my arrival here in December 1762 & taking upon me the Charge of this Settlement, I found the Mazulipatam & Ponracca Salt Farm commencing the November before, had been let for the ensuing year of 1762 to Mahomed Hussein (son of Ishmail Begg a Considerable Merchant in the Pettah) & that there still remained a considerable Ballance due from the former Farmers Meer Said Hussein & Timajee which it became my Principal care to endeavour to obtain Payment of before the new Farmer had manufactured any Salt to supply the demands for that article, as in Justice to him and conformably to the Tenor of his Cowle I could no longer continue to the old Farmers the Previledge of selling theirs. M^{r}. Fairfield in an address to the Board before his Departure gave an account of the severe storm which had happen'd here the 1st. of December, and of the damage which had been done to the Salt Works but in a General manner only, as a particular account of the loss sustained had not then been taken; This was complecated not long after, and I had the honor of transmitting to the Board in my address under date the 22^{d}. December 1762 a Statement of the loss to the Salt Farmers on that Occasion, who I took the liberty of recommending to their Consideration on account of so heavy and unavoidable a misfortune, who in answer to such representation in their Commands under date the 5th. January 1763 direct me only to secure the Payment of what due from them to the Company as far as I was able. Thus the affair rested, & I endeavoured to assist the Farmers all in my Power in the disposal of their large Ballance prevailing on the new Farmer however repugnant to his Interest (from a Representation of their distressed Circumstances to consent to extend to them the Priviledge of selling their salt till the end of March, although he had for sometime before manufactured sufficient for supplying the demands for this article. This Indulgence although of some small service to them was not attended will the good Effects hoped for from it, and on settling there account at the time the new Farmer began to sell his Salt (when the sale of their was consequently stopp'd) There remained due from them the ballance before mention'd of Rup^{s}. 34550 as I had the

honor of advising the board in my Letter under date the March 1763, & as I knew them incapable of clearing it off by any other means, I scoured to this end, the salt belonging to them then laying at Ponracca, as their whole stock of what manufactured at Mazulipatam remaining at the time of the storm was entirely lost; some time after this Meer Seid Hussein represented to me that by private agreement made between him & Timajee the Salt works at Ponracca as to the expences of manufacturing & Sales were to belong to & be entirely under his Meer Said Husseins Management; That Timagee was to have the direction of those at Mazulipatam (or Innegodroo) in like manner & that neither was to interfere in or concern himself in the Business of the other that he therefore thought it hard the whole of his Salt should be secured for the Payment of the Companys Ballance This agreement being of a private Nature I could not consider in the least binding on the Part of the Company, and told him in answer to this Representation of his that as he & Timmagee were jointly & separately responsible to the Company for the Ballance due from them it became a Duty incumbent on me to take the most effectual means I could for securing the Payment of it & that as I knew neither he or Timmagee had were withal to clear off by any other means I had secured the salt remaining belonging to them, & had it not in my Power to make the same Distinction in a Publick Concern of this Nature, which he informed me they had done in Private, That I could only afford him my Assistance in settling his accounts, with Timmagee, & in securing to him as far as Timagees distressed situation would admit the ballance which should on settling their Accounts be found due from him on account his half share of the Companys Demand on them. This was soon after done by People chosen, by themselves, as Arbitrators in this Business, when it appeared that Timagee, by being made accountable for one Half of the Ballance due to the Company became indebted to Meer Seid Hussein Rup^{s}. 15496 for the Payment of which he assigned over to him the Fees that might become due to him on the sales of Salt as Masumadar and the Produce of some Charity Grounds here which have been held by his Family for many years till the whole should be cleared, & Meer Seid Hussein on his Part gave him a Note under his hand, whereby he engages not to give him (Timmagee) any further molestation, but to permit him to seek such means as he was able for maintaining himself, free from Interruption or Hindrance on account his demand on him. Both parties seem'd satisfyed with this decision which indeed was the only method that could point out for adjusting the accounts depending between them. & it must rest with your Honor &c^{a}. from this plain state of the matters of Fact, to determine whether to make them any Consideration, or not for the loss, they sustain'd by the storm the estimate of which allready referr'd to in the former Part of this address may be depended on I believe as just. Meer Seid Hussein you will be pleased to observe by the method of settling the accounts between him & Timmajee became answerable for the Ballance due from them to the Company, which Rustum Ally Cawn & him (Meer Seid Hussein) the Present Salt Farmers have made themselves responsible for as particularly specifyed by the Tenor of their Cowle, but sorry I am to acquaint you that I have not yet been able to obtain from them above thousand Rupees towards clearing off the old Ballance which should by agreement have been done some months ago, or the Payments which ought to have been made, on account the Farm for the Present year, amounting together to near sixty thousand Rupees owing to the trifling demand there has lately been for this article from the Lombardy People who come down from the Country to purchase it and which may I conceive be in great measure imputed to the exorbitant Customs exacted from them by the Demands, in this Neighbourhood through whose Districts they pass, which I have taken every means in my Power to prevent by frequent Representations & Remonstrances to them on this subject to no effect as there are only to be awed to Moderation & Good behaviour by Force which I have neither the authority or indeed the means to employ against them, but that your Honor &c^{a}

may judge of these growing Impositions I have hereunto annexed an account of the Customs collected by them, when the French held these Countries, and what they have exacted these last four years Viz^{t}.

		In the Time of the French.	In 1761.	In 1762 & 1763.	In 1764.
On every 200 Gunny Bags of Salt.	By Apparow ..	8	8	16	24
	By Callowa Collue.	1 : 8	1 : 8	6	6
	By Sooranany Pottanah.	1 : 8	1 : 8	6	6
	By Sooriah & Paupiah.	..	..	..	5½

From hence it must follow that unless some effectual means can be taken for putting a stop to these unwarrantable Impositions, this Business of farming the Salt here cannot be carried on any longer with the least Prospect of advantage & I know of no other measures that can be employed for preventing the pernicious effects of these Practices but force and as Y^{e}. time for reletting this Farm now approaches I request to be honor^{d}. with your Directions on this subject. The Farms of y^{e}. Pettah Juncan & Hydrabad Customs & Narsipore Town Expiring very shortly I rquest your orders concerning for reletting them I enclosed I have y^{e}. honor to transmit you y^{e}. accounts of this Settlem^{t}. for last Month & am very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed^{t}. & most humble Servant

John Pybus.

Masulipatam
14th. September 1764.

Meer Bauker late Renter of the Nizampatam Circar in Acco^{T}. with the Honble Company.

Dr.				Cr.	
1761 Augt. 17	To the Ballance due from Meer Said Hussein as Renter of Nizampatam which he has agreed to be accountable for to the Honble Companys being appointd. to the management of this Farm which he entered upon this day & the sum due from Meer Said Hussein is therefore transferr'd to his account being	65445 5 —	1762 May 31	By Cash receiv'd at several Payments particulars as ₱ Cash Book from 17th. Augt. the day he took the management of this Farm to this day	37436 2 —
	To the amount of one years Rent for this Farm which he has taken charge of from Meer Said Hussein to whom it was let by Mr. Andrews from 1st. June 1761 to Ultimo May 1762 being.	92000 — —		By Ballance carried to next years Account	120009 3 —
	Rupees ..	1,57,445 5 —		Rupees ..	157445 5 —

Meer Baukee late renter of the Nizampatam Circar in Acc^{T}. with the Honble Company.

Dr.				Cr.	
1762 June 1st.	To ballance brought from last years Account	120009 3 —	1763 May 31st.	By Cash Received at several Payments particulars as ₱ Cash book from the 1st. June 1762 to this day ..	38386 — 9
	To the amount of one years Rent for his Farm	92000 — —		By Ballance Carried to next years Account	173623 2 3
	Rupees..	212009 3 —		Rupees ..	212009 3 —

MEER BAUKER late Renter of NIZAMPATAM CIRCAR in ACCOTT. with the HONBLE COMPANY.

Dr.				Cr.			
1763 June 1st.	To Ballance brought from last years account	173623	2 3	1764 May 31st.	By Cash received at several Payments particulars as ₱ Cash Book from 1st. June 1763 to this day	48061	9 —
	To the amount of one years Rent for this Farm	92001	— —		By Ballance Carried to Forward ..	217562	9 3
	Rupees ..	265624	2 3		Rupees ..	265624	2 3

MEER BAUKER late Renter of NIZAMPATAM CIRCAR in Account with the HONBLE COMPANY.

Dr.				Cr.			
1764 June 1st.	To Ballance brought forward	217562	9 3	1764 June 30th.	By Cash received in this Months ..	1300	— —
				July 31st.	By Cash received Do. Do. ..	4665	9 3
					By Reddy Gorauze & Juggoo Puntaloo the present Farmers for the amount of 37066 Pottahs of Salt remaining on hand transferr'd to their Account @ ½ Rupee ₱ Pollah	18503	— —
					By Ballance appearing to be due from Meer Bauker by the Mazulipatam Books this day	193094	— —
	Rupees ..	217562	9 3		Rupee ..	217562	9 3

N.B.—The following Outstanding Debts due from the Undermention'd Persons who took this Farm to rent from Meer Baucker may be considered as good although they may be sometime in collecting Viz^{t}. Suranany Vencanah Zemindar of the Nizampatam Circar, took the Grain Produce of this Farm from Meer Bauker @ rent for the year 1762 @ Rup^{s}. 70,000 by which he was a considerable sufferer, but as his Fees a Zemindar may be reckon'd @ about Rupees 7000 ℔ Ann^{o}. y^{e}. Ballance which now remains due from him must be secured from thence it now amounts to .. 28155 2 9

VEERANAH & BANOOMOORTY took the grain Farm to Rent for the year 63 @ R^{s}. 45000 of which there still remains due from them (the greatest part of which if not y^{e}. whole may be look'd upon as good). 15160 3 5

Rupees .. 43315 6 2

A STATEMENT of the Produce of the NIZAMPATAM CIRCAR for the years 60, 61, 62 & 1763 during Meer Baukers Management as taken from the Mazumadars, Deshmooks, Despondahs & Inhabitants of that district. N.B.—The first of these years, Meer Bauker acted in this Business on Behalf of Meer Seid Hussein who was accountable to the Company for the annual Rent Viz^{t}.

ON ACCOUNT GRAIN—

Collected by Meer Bauker 1760 ..	35158	10	—					
1761 ..	35009	11	6					
				70168	5	6		
Collected by Suramani Vencanah for 1762, the year he took it to rent from Meer Bauker @ Rup^{s}. 70,000				41844	13	5		
Collected by Vencanah Desamocco for which he agreed to pay R^{s}. 45,000	29839	12	7					
Outstanding due to Vencanah from the Inhabitants	9877	11	—					
				39717	7	7		
							151730	10 6
ON ACCOUNT SALT SOLD 1760 ..				4927	3	3		
1761 ..				17561	11	3		
1762 ..				14901	6	6		
1763 ..				12994	14	3		
							50385	7 3
NADDIGUDDAH a Pass over the River Kistna at a great Distance from Nizampatam but in the Road to that Circar where Customs are collected from the Lombardy People who came from the Country to purchase Salt which were estimated during the French Government at Rup^{s}. 2,000 ℔ Annum but for the four last years has produced in the whole no more than							6000	— —
Rupees ..							202716	1 9

A Statement of the Disbursements of the Monies collected from the Nizampatam Circar for the years 1760, 1761, 1762 & 1763 being the Period Meer Bauker had the Mangement there Vizt.

Paid by Meer Bauker to Meer Said Hussein in the year 60			25012	8 —
Received into ye. Companys Cash from 17th. Augt. 1761 the time Beer Bauker took charge of this Farm on his own accot. & became Responsible to the Company for the Rents to the 31st. July 1764, as ₹ his several accots. Current			129849	5 —
CHARGES—				
Salt Makers Pay, for 4 years	17460	15 3		
Sibbendy charges, seapoys Batta bringing Lombardies Repairing Tanks, & other Petty incident Charges for 4 Years	16757	4 —		
Lost by the Exchange on Old Rupees & Pagodas	2478	13 —		
Fees paid to Mazumadar &ca. = ...	1351	12 —		
			38048	12 3
	Rupees ..		192910	9 3

From these Statements it appears that the whole produce of this Circar for four Years amounted only to Rups. 202716 1 9 to which if we add ye. amount of Salt remaining the first June last & carried to the Debit of ye. New Farmers, the whole will be no more than Rups. 221219—1—9 The Rent at which it was farmed for these four Years Rups. 92,000 ₹ ann amounts to Rups. 368,000 To which if the sum of Rups. 38048 12 3 the amount of sibbendy charges for that time be added The whole will be Rups. 40,6048—12—3 deducting then from the amount ye. real Produce of the Farm the disbursements will be found to exceed it on no less sum than Rs. 184,829—10—6 which will accot. for ye. present outstanding Ballance due from Meer Bauker The greatest part of which has been owing to the very trifling Sales, which have been made of Salt here, usually estimated at one half of the Rent on Rups. 45,000, which for four years will amount to Rs. 1,80,000 But by the above statement, after adding the value of the sale remaining on hand delivered to the new Farmers to the sales of this article for 4 years the whole will be no more than Rups. 68,888—7—3. From which deducting the money Paid for manufacturing it, and one half of the other Charges (the great part indeed of which are incurr'd on account this Business) amounting to Rups. 27,754—13—9 The Ballance will be no more than Rups. 41,133—9—6 so that there will appear to have been lost by this article only in four years Rupees 138,866—6—6 of the present large outstanding Ballance due from Beer Bauker.

A General Account of the Outstanding Debts due from Sundry Persons to the Honble Company at Mazulipatam to the 31st. of July 1764 Vizt.

MOVA COMRAUZE.

He rented the Farms of Innegodroo, & Pettah Juncan & Hydrabad Customs from Mr. Andrews for the years 1759. 1760 & 1761 on the former account there remained due from him Fags.	660	— —		
On the latter Rups. 5517 @ Rs. 350 ₹ % Ps. ..	1576	10 23		
Ballance now due from him & which there is no hopes of recovers.			2236	10 23

NEBAUNPOODY TELLAGAPAH.	
Renter of Gondoor & Relumanar for the years 1760 from whom there remains a ballance without prospect of Recovery off	1423 9 36
Canoculloo Condanah & Nebaunpoody Tellagapah Renters of Gondoor & Auclamanar for the year 1761 Ballance due from them on that account & irrecoverable	9388 18 —
MEER BAUCKER.	
Renter of Nizampatam for the year 1760, 1761, 1762 & 1763 ballance due from him as his Accot. Currt. now transmitted Rups. 1,93,094 of which may be considered irrecoverable Rupees 149,778-9-10 @ Rups. 350 ℔ % ..	42793 32 3
The amot. of Debts considered as Irrecoverable Ps.	55841 33 62
MAHOMUD HUSSAIN.	
Renter of Mazulipatam & Ponracca Salt, Pettah Juncan & Hydrabad customs for the year ending 1763 due from him of which the Payment is not in the least dubious Rs 9000 @ 350 ℔ %	2771 15 33
Total of Outstanding Debts Currt. Pags. ..	58413 13 15

MAZULIPATAM 14TH. SEPTR. 1764.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
JOHN PYBUS.

No. 103.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your Favor of the 25th. Instant enclosing your Warehouse Keepers Remarks on our Investment, In answer to which we can only assure your Honor &ca. that we have done our utmost to sort in the most impartial manner between the Company & the Merchants & if some of the Cloth has not turn'd out so well as you expected, we must attribute it to the Artifices made use of by the Weavers who by putting Conjee, Oill &ca. in the Cloth often deceive the best sorters, however, we have given the strictest Order to put a Stop to this Practise in future which with the directions we shall give our Merchants to mind their several Fabricks in the particulars you mention will we hope be a means of improving the Investment.

Invoices & Bills of Lading for 127 Bales of Callicoes (being all we have at present Embaled laden on board two Chellingeas & dispatch'd this day for your Settlement wait on you here with & hope will arrive safe.

We have the Honor to be
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
J. L. SMITH.
JOHN CALLAND.

CUDDALORE
28TH. SEPTEMBER 1764

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

Bales	40	At Washers
	17½	Dyers
	12½	Beaters
Bales	70	

N°. 104.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have now to reply to your Honor &cas. Commands regarding the Complaint of the Dutch Governour &ca. Council of Negapatam, concerning Mopoddy Chitty Jagaya (who is the son of Mapoddy Chitty Butchaya) & Tammana Jagoonaickaloo who is the son of Tomana Savaramoodu) we have again inquired of them about their Ballances, which they were indebted to the Dutch at Bimlapatam & both their Fathers assure us that Sicavirana was made sole Merchant there & took upon himself all the Ballances due from the other Merchants, & in consequence thereof paid about half of their Debts before his Death, as we are informed so that it appears to us that their excuses are real & not invented as the Governor & Council of Negapatam seem to alledge & as to their having signed their Accounts last year they absolutely deny, as one of them has not been in the Place & the other says altho he was in the Place he was not call'd upon to sign, neither did they take any Notice of him, or ask him any Questions for four or five Days, when he was in the Place, neither have they made any agreement or Contract since they Transferr'd their Ballances to Secaverana so that the Gentlemen of Negapatam seem to have misrepresented this Affair to your Honor &ca. The Translate of our Letters to the Gentlemen of Bimbilapatam is much to the same purport as what we wrote them, Mr. Smith the Chief has now a demand of five thousand one hundred Rupees on Mopoddy Chitty Butchaya, & other people of this Place have also considerable demands on him which we make no doubt but you'll think ought first to be discharged, & as to Temmana Savaramudoo he has not wherewithal to pay, as far as we can learn, so that we shall not think of delivering them up without your orders for so doing.

Mr. Dolben having made Application to us for a Cable for the use of the Greenwich, which being in distress enduc'd to comply with his request, & we accordingly supplied him with one of fifteen Inches, which we hope you will please to replace the first Opportunity, and we now enclose you a Copy of Mr Dolbens Letter to us on that subject.

The Accounts of this Settlement for last Month, are herewith enclosed, and we have the honor to remain with the utmost respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Smith.
Charles Smith.
William Barker.

Vizagapatam
17th. Septr. 1764.

To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &c^a. Council
at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

In Justice to the Respondentia Creditors & Insurers on the Ship Greenwich, now in actual distress in your Port as you have allready been made acquainted for want of a Cable such a one as you have now in your Stores & for which you have not any immediate use I think myself in Duty bound to repeat earnestly the request I have allready made & which if not complied with you will at least favor me with your Reasons for denying me this Assistance the application allready made, having been without Effect and as I think myself in some Measure intitled to such were it only from the large Duties I shall shortly have to pay to the Honble Company if the Ship arrives safe at Madras & I cannot but judge it a great hardship in the present unhappy case to be denied the Honble Companys aid & Assistance. I am with all due respect

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
George Dolben.

Vizagapatam
12th. September 1764.

N°. 105.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Ship Essex Captain David Fell arriv'd here the 28th. Instant, the President & Council of Fort William having ordered her to call at this Settlement, to take in the Honble Companys Bales in consequence of a request made by the Chiefs Correspondent at Bengal, as the vessell which was intended for this Service was unfortunately lost, & we have now laden on board her, One hundred & fifty three Bales of Callicoes, on account of the Honble Company which amounts as ℔ Invoice to Current Pagodas Eleven thousand nine hundred & seventy three Twenty seven fanams & seventy two cash 11973—27—72.

Our reasons for not having made so considerable a consignment as we intended, has chiefly been owing to the heavy rains which have fallen for this Month past which has prevented the washers from bringing in the Cloth in time M^r. Charles should be sent to Madras as usual, which consequently must lessen our consignment very considerably, as you will please to observe by the Quantity now on hand expressed at the Foot hereof.

The Captain of this Ship assures us that he will not stay any longer at this Place, so that we are under the necessity of dispatching him immediately otherwise we could in a very few days make a considerable addition to our present consignment.

The ten thousand Madrass Pagodas which you was pleased to order Mr Pybus to remit us from Mazulipatam we have received by an Excort of Seapoys overland.

We cannot as yet bring the Merchants to make an Abatement on the turn'd out Cloth, which has prevented our sending you a Bale as directed, but we imagine you may be able to judge from the worst of N°. 3 Ordinary whither it will serve the Companys use at a worse Sortment.

The Invoice & Bill of Lading are herewith enclosed & We have the honor to remain with the utmost Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Smith.
Charles Smith.
Willm. Barker.

Vizagapatam
the 25th. Septr. 1764.

Cloth on hand at the Wash

L C O	..	86	14	
L C M	..	23	7	
L C F	..	16	4	
				126 5
Brown				
L C O	..	35	6	
L C M	..	26	16	
L C F	..	7	13	
				69 15
	Corge			106 ..

No. 106.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to advice your Honor &ca. that Ramah Lingah the Porto Novo Merchant Exports ℔ a Chellingea on account of the Honble Company for your Settlement as ℔ his accot. deliver'd in Long Cloth Fine 12 Call Twelve Pieces (— 12) Long Cloth Chinnamanaickpollam 9 Call Five Corge Eight Pieces (5 : 8) Long Cloth Worriarpollam 8 Call thirteen Corge four Pieces (13 : 4) Half Pieces Blue 9 Call Twenty four Corge (24) & Remain with great respect

Co. Ps.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
5th. October 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand.

At the Washers	..	40
Beaters	..	12½
Dyers	..	17½
Bales	..	70

No. 107.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last of the 6th. Ultimo whereof the enclosed is Duplicate We have received your several Letters of the 28th. July & 13th. Augt. & Bills of Exchange advised in the former We have duly Honor'd.

By the Ship Cairnarvon we received safe the Companys Packetts ℔ the Duke of Gloucester & Earl of Lincoln & in the Cairnarvons own Packet our President having orders to the same Effect with those mention'd in one of your Letters of the 13th. August from Mr. Secretary James we have directed the necessary search to be continued during the Delivery of that ships Cargo.

We have duly attended to your Sentiments in regard to the manner of employing the ships of this Season, but we are of Opinion, that they may all be dispos'd of without the necessity of Stationing any for the Slaving Service, and that upon the following Plan.

To the six Ships taken up for Bombay we add the Middlesex & tne Lord Mansfield apprehending that the latter might arrive too late from hence to be dispatch'd home last Year, which makes in all Eight Ships; In a disposition for these we calculate that the Quantity of Salt Petre we have engaged to send to that Presidency being fifteen thousand Bags & the produce of their own Investments will enable the Gentlemen Do return five Ships direct to Europe and we hope from the Latitude which you & ourselves have given them to draw, they will have it in their Power to send two to China agreably to the Companys Recommendation, so that we judge only one Ship on that side will remain unprovided for which we conclude they will send round either to Madrass or Bengal.

To the four Ships distin'd for Coast & Bay, We add the Pocock & Bute of last Year & the Ship unprovided for at Bombay making in all seven. Two of these you acquaint us you shall be able to provide Cargoes for.

Three at least we shall dispatch Home from hence and we shall want one or two to proceed with the Money by the Pitts passage to China.

Of this Disposition we have advised the Gentlemen at Bombay in the accompanying Packet, that they may either concur with us in fulfilling it, or inform us in due time if Circumstances should oblige them to make any material Alteration.

We have ordered your Indent for Packing Stuff to be complied with, & We shall not fail to supply you with the Quantity of Salt Petre which you require As to the bad Quality of that which was sent you by the Deptford we cannot otherwise Account than that it may have been a part of what lay undermost in the Warehouse for it is allways shipp'd in the same condition we receive it from Patna.

Being informed that the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam are in want of a Vessell to Transport three hundred Bales of their Investment to Madrass we have engaged Captain David Fell to call with his ship the Essex & take them on board on the usual Terms of Freight. We have accordingly furnished him with a Letter of Advice to the Chief & Council & the Ship falls down the River tomorrow.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Henry Vansittart.
J. Spencer.
Warren Hastings.
Henry Watts.
Samuel Middleton.
Ralph Leycester.
John Burdett.

Fort William
3d. September 1764.

N°. 108.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letters of the 4th. & 12th. Ultimo & beg leave to congratulate you on the arrival of our Honble Masters Ship Northumberland Worcester & Lord Holland none of these for this Presidency have yet made their appearance.

The Supracargoes of our Honble Masters Ship Talbot having drawn upon to the amount of about 3 Lacks (3,00,000) Rupees to enable them to provide a Cago of Coffee for that Ship at Mocha which alone exclusive of our own immediate Demands for Money our Treasury is unable to discharge we have found ourselves under the disagreeable necessity of granting Bills on the Presidt. & Council of Fort William, altho contrary to their express desire but as very little money is procurable here for Bills on your Honor &ca. we had no other resource; We are therefore most earnestly to entreat your Honor &ca. will excert your best endeavours to throw what money you may possibly be able into Bengal the better to enable the Gentlemen there, to honour our Drafts, should their Circumstances, require it & which considering we have not had it in our power to draw on your Honor &ca. for the amount you formerly gave a Latitude for and that the Supracargoes of the Talbot have not given any Bills on you we flatter ourselves you may comply with and we also request you will shew due honor to a sett of Bills we have drawn on you in favor of Captain William Powney for sixteen thousand Pagodas at the rate of three hundred & fifteen Arcot Rupees ℔ hundred Pagodas & one hundred and two Arcot for one hundd. Bombay Rupees.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants

Charles Crommelin.
William Hornby.
W. A. Price.
Charles Waters.
Samuel Court.

Bombay Castle
1st. September 1764.

N°. 109.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &ca. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 13th. Ultimo having been duely received, we beg leave to congratulate your Honor &ca. upon the arrival of our Honble Masters Ships destin'd for your side of India We have also the pleasure to inform you, that by private Advice, we learn the York & Calcutta are arriv'd at Bombay, where they imported the 5th. Instant, The Talbot likewise from Mocha with her Charter party Tonnage of Coffee.

In a letter from our Superiors dated the 22d. Ultimo they acquaint us that they will endeavour to send a vessell for the Timber & Plank, provided for your Presidency, which we have the pleasure to inform you is in great forwardness, and are in hopes that the whole will be ready in time. We are very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
T. Byfeld.
H. Hurt.
Wm. Ashburner
Robt. Sparks.

Tellicherry
29th. Septr. 1764.

No. 110.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to you in Duplicate under date the 23d. Instant since which we have received your several Letters of the 23d. 30th. & 31st. Ulto. & 4th. & 10th. Instant, by the Ships Devonshire, Vansittart Luconia & Ganges.

We can say nothing further at present with respect to the bad Condition of the Salt Petre, as the whole Consignment received from Patna at that time was laden on board the Deptford & Boscawen; The Remains of the same years Petre which we have since received is found to be of the same Quality as usual & the Director of the Powder Works informs us that in refining & pulverizing different Parcells thereof for Powder there generally arises a loss of about six Parts in Forty How so extraordinary a Deficiency thereof can have arisen in that which was sent you, We are unable to determine unless We were made acquainted with the Process observed in pulverizing, and had before us a Sample of the Petre itself. But as We think it very necessary that such an Enquiry should be made We request you will send us, a Bag or two of the Salt Petre with a Copy of the Report of your Committee of Works.

It will not be in our power to spare any Ship for the purpose of carrying you Grain in the Companys account, but we make no doubt, that sufficient supplies will be imported with you according to Customs by private Traders at present it appears We shall be in want of a Ship to transport the Consignments of Salt Petre & packing Stuff for your Presidency & We desire therefore that the one which Remains on the Coast after the Dispatch of your October Ship may be sent down to us to enable us to forward you these Consignments in time for your Ship in February.

We now dispatch the Grampus Sloop Captain Caruthers porposely to carry the accompanying Packet for the Court of Directors, which we request you will transmit by the Duke of Albany. This Sloop being in want of Repair we have directed Captain Caruthers immediately after landing his Packets to proceed for that purpose to Bombay & We desire that you will give him Permission accordingly observing in case the Duke of Albany should be sail'd before his arrival to send on the Packet for Europe by him to Bombay to be forwarded by the first Opportunity from thence.

We have sent you under the care of Captain Caruthers a small box containing about 3 dozen & a half of parting Glasses which are all that our Assay Master can possibly spare.

We are

FORT WILLIAM
27TH. SEPTEMBER 1764.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants

HENRY VANSITTART.
J. SPENCER.
U. PLAYDELL.
WARREN HASTINGS.
H. WATTS.
RALPH LEYCESTER.
JOHN BURDETT.
SAML. MIDDLETON.

No. 111.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As the Vessell which I advised you in my Letter of the 28th. Ultimo had been dispatched from Bandarmalanka by Mr. Whitehill for the Bales here does not yet appear, I conclude she must have passed & proceeded directly for Fort St. George I therefore now enclose your Honor &ca. Invoice of two hundred & fifty four Bales of White Goods laden on board her by Mr. Whitehill on accot. of the Honble Company, and hope this may find her safely arrived with you My Chay Goods shall come by a Vessell which I expect here every hour.

I am very respectfully

MASULIPATAM
8TH. OCTOBER 1764.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your very Obedt. & most humble Servant
JOHN PYBUS.

No. 112.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT PALK ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Neptune Snow Thomas Briston Master bound for your Port I have consigned you ten Bales of Chay Goods on account of the Honble Company as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed I wish the Vessell safe to you & am very respectfully

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most humble Servt.
JOHN PYBUS.

MASULIPATAM
13TH. OCTOBER 1764.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

At Mazulipatam.

Chay Goods Brown, cured & at the Wash.

		Co	50 — —

At Bandarmalanka—

Long Cloth Fine	Co	14 : 15	
Midling		34 : 9	
Ordinary		25 : 16	
	Co	75	— —

Nº. 113.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &cA. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honoured with your Commands of the 11th. Instant, and am in hourly expectation of the vessell from Bandarmalanka for my Bales, as she was dispatch'd from thence five days ago but contrary Winds & Currents have prevented her getting hither.

I observe the Contents of the extract you have been pleased to honor me with from our Honble Masters Commands of the 30th. December last relating to turn'd out Cloth, and the reasons which have induced them to give the directions, therein specifyed as communicated to me in your Letter abovemention'd I have already taken the Liberty of giving my Opinion of the Consequences which I apprehend, will attend a compliance with these directions, and you are pleased in reply to call upon me to point out some method that may serve to fulfill the companys Intentions with producing them It would afford me a very particular Pleasure could I flatter myself with the hopes of giving you, that satisfaction: I will nevertheless lay before you what further has occured to me on this subject since the receipt of your late Commands that I may be more fully furnished with your directions & more amply acquainted with your Intentions concerning the putting in Execution the Orders lately received from our Honble Masters, which taken in the general sense they now stand seem to warrant the taking in of any Cloth that may be brought in by the Merchants who contract to furnish their Investment (of the Assortments it usually consists) without regard to its Quality, provided it be of proper Lengths & Breadths & a reasonable Abatement can be made in the Price. This being the sence in which I understand these their directions, it should seem that the Plan which has been lately adopted for carrying on the Investment at Bandarmalanka of having each Assortment of Cloth of an Established Number of Punjums, was no longer to be regarded such I say is the General Sence in which these directions may be understood, although I will not suppose they are so meant. But that it is intended the Investment there should be still provided on its present footing with the difference of rejecting, on only such Cloth which may be brought in as shall be deficient in measure, a reasonable abatement being made in the price for its defect in Quality; should be your Intentions, there will only remain the difficulty of settling the terms on which the turned out Cloth may be taken in, so that the Company may have no cause for Complaint. The Merchant have justice done him, & that the conditions at the same time be such as not to make it worth his while to attempt the Debasement of the general Fabrick of the Cloth by finding it more for his advantage to have his Cloth taken in at the abatement allowed on the turn'd out, than at the full Price of what may be taken in. This is so long as the present established Method of carrying on the Investment at Bandarmalanka is observed, will be in great measure prevented, as by taking Care to keep the Cloth up to the proper number of Punjums, it cannot undergo any very material Debasement some will unavoidably be of a thinner, & some a coarser Fabrick than the rest, & for those reasons not thought fit to be received at the Companys full Price, This is kind of Cloth then of which the turn'd out will consist, and is to be accounted for with the Merchants at an Abatement, whereon will rest in the principal difficultv in complying with the order lately received from our Honble Masters; for as the Merchant pays the weaver the same Price for all the Cloth he receives from him unless he returns it him, he will not readily agree to submit to such a deduction in the Price of his Turn'd out Cloth as may be thought equivolent to the badness of its Quality, as some of it will without doubt be very wretched Stuff To settle this matter on some established Rule will therefore in my Opinion be the most

eligible Plan either by agreeing to except all the turn'd out Cloth in the gross at a stipulated abatement or by sorting it when washed to three Numbers on the Merchants account & allowing him a certain price on each Number it may be sorted to the former it should seem, would be most agreeable to the Merchant as it would then become his Care not to bring any Cloth to be sorted that he judged exceptionable, but such as was under y^e. value of the abatement agreed to which for the Companys Security must of necessity be large; in this case then it may be apprehended the Investment in general would very soon suffer (by perhaps in sensible degrees) some debasement. The sorting the turn'd out Cloth to three Numbers after Washing, on account the Merchant (as was practised by the whole Bandarmalanka Investment till last year) & paying for it at certain stipulated Prices for each number, appears to me therefore the most likely means to prevent the above Inconvenience as by a regulation of the prices of the numbers of the turn'd out Cloth; it might be made the Merchants Interest to take Care the Cloth be brought in was nearly equal to the Muster required for the Investment that as little as possible might be turn'd out, and that such as was, might sort to the highest Numbers, by which a Debasement in the Investment would be guarded against as far as may be practicable Thus have I given you (on a supposition that the Bandarmalanka Investment is still to be provided on its present footing of an Established Number of Punjums for each Assortment of Cloth) my Sentiments on the subject of receiving the turn'd out Cloth from the Merchants, which if you approve I will endeavour to settle the term with them on the most advantegious footing I am able for my Honble Masters, and shall with Pleasure proceed for that purpose to Bandarmalanka so soon as M^r. Whitehill advices me he has got any Quantity of turn'd out Cloth on hand to whom I have given directions to reecive all that shall be brought in of the proper Lengths & Breadths, setting aside what is not good enough to be taken in at the full Price till the Terms on which it is to be received on account of the Company, can be settled with the Merchants. I shall be mindfull to observe your directions of noting the Quantity of turn'd out Cloth on hand at the foot of my Letters in future.

I have in readiness to put on board the Vessell I expect from Bandarmalanka, no more than ten Bales of Chay Goods: The Colouring of the first Number I think better than those provided last year but the Quality of the Cloth seems not quite so good I have as I had before the honor of advising you turned out nearly half of what the Merchants have brought in though had I taken the whole; it would not have been equal to one half the Quantity ordered to be provided which should have waited on you at this Season so very backward have the Merchants been in bringing in their Cloth this Year; In Excuse for which they alledge their Apprehensions of making early advances to the Weavers, as Basalat Jung with his disorderly Troops, was in the Circar of Gontoor where many of the Weavers live and which is contiguous to the several weaving Towns where these Goods are provided within the Companys Limits; and the dearness of Cotton this year on account the disturbed State of the Country is what they alledge in excuse for y^e. defect in the quality of the Goods I beg leave to assure you, that no Pains or attention of mine have been spared to the Improvement of this Part of the Investment though unattended with the wished for success.

I have received the supply of Stationary sent me p^r Country Boat, & M^r. Whitehill has been acquainted with your Orders for the Provision of fine Goods for the Presidency of Fort Marlbro. who has promised to procure & forward them to me as early as possible. But as Goods of those Sortments are purchased from the weavers, in single Pieces as opportunities may offer, they are not allways to be met with and not being provided by contract are never to be had of the Lengths and Breadths stipulated for the Investment.

The Leopard Snow went over the Bar of Bandarmalanka River two days ago & will proceed for Bengal so soon as the stores can be put on board her I

have yet received no Particulars of the Repairs done to her or money advanced the Master for Disbursements which shall be forwarded to you so soon as I am furnished with them I am very Respectfully

Masulipatam
28th. Septr. 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most humble Servant
John Pybus.

List of Cloth on hand.

Embaled.		
Romalls	...	5
Sastracundees	...	3
Callowapores	...	1
Allejars	...	1
		10 Bales
Taken in & at Wash.		
Romalls		251
Sastracundees		292
Callowapores	...	84
Allejars	...	71
		698 ℔s.

N°. 114.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last address of the 5th. Instant the Chelingea with the Sundrys your Honour &c^a. consigned us is arrived & the several Articles deliver'd to Invoice.

Ramah Lingah the Porto Novo Merchant will export in a few days on account of the Honble Company for your Presidency as ℔ His Account deliver'd in, Long Cloth Worriarpollam 8–Call Thirteen Corge sixteen Pieces (13:16) Long Cloth Chennamanaickpollam 9 Call 3 Corge sixteen Pieces (13:16) Eight Corge (3).

Enclosed are our Cash Account Journall Parcells & other Monthly Papers for September which concludes us with the Honor of being

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
11th. October 1764.

List of Cloth on hand

At the Washers Bales	...	$51\frac{1}{2}$
Beaterss		$12\frac{1}{2}$
Dyers		$25\frac{1}{2}$
Bales		89

N°. 115.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday we had the Honor to address you concerning the arrival of the Ship Illocos, & other Circumstances relative thereto, therefore we now request your Honor &ca. will please to favor us, with a supply of twenty thousand Pagodas, which Sum is much required in the present Exigency of Affairs, as our Expences are considerably Increased, by the pressing Necessity of the Military, of which we advis'd you yesterday, in a more particular manner & if their arrears, should be paid at this Place, our Cash will be reduced very low you'll please to observe by the Close of last Months Account, that the Ballance of Cash was Pagodas 14,853–3–32 since which we have advanced the Merchants about Pagodas 7,000 on Account of the Investment, & the other Merchants will soon want a Supply also, so we hope you'll please to assist us as soon as possible.

The Accounts of this Settlement for last Month, are herewith enclosed, and the Quantity of Cloth remaining on hand is expressed at the foot hereof.

We have the Honour to remain with the utmost Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Smith.
Charles Smith.
William Barker.

Vizagapatam
17th. October 1764.

Cloth in the Warehouse.

		Co.	Ps.	Co.	Ps.
	Embaled				
L C O	45 Basa. qty. ..	67	10		
L C M	10 Do. „ ..	20	—		
L C F	6 Do. „ ..	12	—		
				99	10
	At the Wash				
L C O	.. „	91	3		
L C M	.. „	50	—		
L C F	.. „	15	5		
				156	8
	Corge ..			255	18

N°. 116.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honor'd with your Commands of the 3d. Instant and immediately gave notice for receiving Proposals for reletting the Farms of the Pattah Juncan and Hydrabad Customs & Narsipore Town, such as have been deliver'd me in consequence come under cover but I am in daily expectation of others from ye. Mugalatore Rajah which shall be forwarded so soon as they

come to hand. The Characters & Circumstances of those from whom Proposals now wait on you I shall here take the Liberty of giving you the best account of I am able, as well from Information as my own knowledge.

Bodaputty Gorauze, Son of Boddaputty Gorauze a Man of fair Character & in very good Circumstances.

Mova Comrauze, a Man of good Character but still owes a Ballance of near Rupˢ. 6000 as former Renter of the Pettah Juncan & Hydrabad Customs which he has no Prospect of being able to discharge.

Abdul Hussein Cawn, a Moorman lately come to settle here whose Character or Circumstances I cannot pretend to answer for.

Meer Bauker Cutwall of this Place, but one I know little of and cannot recommend.

Gahin Labdin, the late Farmer of the Pettah Juncan & Hydrabad Customs by which he is thought to have been a considerable looser is esteemed a man of very fair Character, though not reckoned a Person of much Fortune.

I was in hopes likewise by this time to have received your Determination relating to the reletting the Salt Farm expiring the 9th. of next Month as it will be necessary the Person who may take it for the next year should have timely notice for collectg. People to carry on the Salt Works, which are generally begun upon, the first week in December as the reany [*sic*] Season this way is by that time pretty well over; On this AccountMeer Hussein one of the present Renters applied to me for Information what might be your determination relating to this Farm for the ensuing Year, who upon my telling him I was not yet acquainted with it, desired I would give him leave to deliver me a Letter address'd to your Board on this subject & containing as he informed me some Proposals for renting that Farm, the ensuing Year; This I consented to & it now comes under Cover, for your Perusal I expect something of this Nature too from Meerja Ishmail Beg a Moor Merchant in the Pettah of some substance & good Credit in whose Sons Name this Farm was let in November 1762 and as he was a considerable Looser by it, & has a very large Stock of Salt remaining which so long as the Farm is in other hands he cannot dispose of, I conclude he will be desirous of engaging for the rent of it again; should he deliver me an address to you on this subject it shall be immediately forwarded He has given a Bill on a Responsible Soucar here for Rs. 5000 in part payment of the ballance due from him and promises to discharge the remaining four thousand in few days I have likewise received since my last advices from Rustum Ally Cawn & Meer Seid Hussain the present Farmers Rupˢ. 6500 & I am informed there are a Number of Lambardy People coming here from the Country for Salt, as an Escort to whom, and in order to prevent as much as possible the Impositions they are subject to from the Neighbouring Zemindars, I have granted the Farmers a Company of Seapoys to meet & Conduct them hither who are to bear the Expence of Batta to them while on this Service.

Meer Bauker the late Farmer of Nizampatam dyed a few days ago in the Pettah, who being considerably indebted to the Company I sent a Braminy to take an Account of & Seal up such effects as might be found in his House which have been since sold at Publick Outcry the Nett amount whereof as ℘ account Particulars enclosed being Rupˢ. 1634:6 shall when collected be carried to the Companys credit & this is all there can be any hopes of recovering as his Family is in a distressed situation.

Inclosed wait on you the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month. I am with Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most
humble Servant,
John Pybus.

Masulipatam
30th. October 1764.

N°. 117.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favour'd with your Address of the 7th. Instant & in Consequence thereof have appointed Audy Mootum Amuldar of the Villages of Nadaputt & Chiennaickpollam with the Allowances you mention & have also directed Mootu Kistnah to render us his Accounts & pay what Ballance may Appear to be due from him for the Revenues of those two Villages since the Expiration of his Cowle.

The Persons accused of Coining shall be sent you by the first returning escort that offers, with the Base Coins & Moulds which are in the Chiefs Possession.

On Mr. Calls arrival we will agreeable to your Honors &ca. Orders Consult with him a Plan for a Factory house with proper Appartments for the Companys Servants & Offices & Godowns for the several Employs, besides which we beg leave to offer it to your consideration whether Barracks for the Troops belonging to this Garrison, Quarters for the Officers Commanding them & Guard Rooms at each Gate would not be necessary as well as a Magazine for our Powder &ca. all which conveniences we are at present distitute of & if at the same time Mr. Call was directed to Survey the Wells & Bastions of Cuddalore which are at present in so ruinous a Condition that the Town is quite open & Defenceless, that in case, it should appear the Place could be made tenable at a Moderate Expence against a Country Enemy or a Surprize whether the Repairs of them might not be worthy your Attention as it would be both a Security to the Companys Effects as well as those of the Natives which might induce many substantial Merchants &ca. to settle here; These are the only Representations we can make you on this head till we have discoursed with Mr. Call.

The Remarks & Effects your Honor &ca. have pointed to us in the last Bales sent you would have been remedied if it had been in our power, we assure your Honor &ca. we have rejected a good deal of Cloth & had we not taken that we did you would have been totally disappointed in the Investment from hence We have & will still endeavour to prevail on our Merchants to Exert themselves & mend the several Fabricks, but are sorry to say, We apprehend it will be attended with no greater success than hitherto, They still continuing very deficient both in the Quantity & Quality of their Cloth.

Mr. Buchanan our Surgeon having lately presented us with an Indent of Clothing for our Hospital, we enclose it you & as he informs us it is much wanted we hope your Honor &ca. will order it to be complied with we must also acquaint you that since closing our Cash Account for last Month (which together with our other Monthly Papers wait on you herewith) the Ballance of our Cash is greatly reduced by the necessary advances to the Merchants & other Charges, therefore request your Honor &ca. will send us a further supply as soon as possible.

We are with great Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
14th. November 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand.

At the Washers	...	97
Beaters	...	12½
Dyers	...	48
Embaled	...	7
Bales	...	164½

An Indent of Bedding & Cloathing for the use of the sick in ye. Honble Companys Hospital at Cuddalore.

100 Beds.
200 Quilts.
200 Pillows.
100 Banyan Coats.
280 Shirts.
100 Drawers.
100 Caps.

Cuddalore
1st. Novr. 1764.

Dn. Buchanan.

No. 118.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last of the 1st. Instant a Duplicate of which accompanies this we have not been favour'd with any Letters from you.

Our Honble Masters Ship York & Calcutta Imported here the 5th. Instant The former left England the 15th. & the latter the 2d. April in Company with the Anson & London for Madeira & this Presidency The Duke of Albany, Vansittart & Earl of Lincoln for your Coast, sailed the two former, the 4th. & the latter the 17th. March & the Royal George from Bengal arrived at St. Helena the 31st. of that Month.

We are

Bombay Castle
8th. September 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Chas. Crommelin.
Wm. Hornby.
W. A. Price.
Chas. Waters.
Saml. Court.
Cecil Bowyer.

No. 119.

To the Honble Robt. Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying is Duplicate of our last since when your Favour of the 14th. July has been received & We have now the Pleasure to acquaint you that your Honble Masters Ship Anson & London are likewise arrived.

The President & Council at Fort William advice us that they hope this Season to be able to supply us with fifteen thousand Bags of Salt Petre in which case we shall cargoes for six Ships to Europe, & two to China & as the Assia Captain Ingles is order'd at all events to Bengal & is consequently to be look'd upon as a coast & Bay Ship & another Ship will be employed in carrying home the Talbots Coffee as that Ship is under a necessity of being dock'd & We think it proper to send home the Coffee as soon as possible We shall be in want of at least one Ship for these Services the following being the Ships we expect to have on hand Viz^{t}.

Talbot.
York.
Earl of Middlesex.
Calcutta.
Anson.
London.
Assia.

Kent, Lord Mansfield of which no accounts have been received since she left Bengal River in March & there is therefore too much reason to fear some accident may have happen'd to her in which case we shall want two Ships your Honor &c^{a}. will therefore be pleased to concert such Measures with the Gentlemen at Bengal as will best easy our Honble Masters of the heavy Expence of Demorage by dispatching to us one or two of the Surplus Ships which may remain on your side of India. We have sent the Calcutta to Bengal to assist in bringing round the Salt Petre from thence & have fully set forth our Situation in respect of Tonnage to the President & Council therefrom which you will observe we shall not have it in our Power to send a ship with y^{e}. Timber & Plank provided for your use at Callicut & We therefore beg leave to recomm^{d}. your ord^{s}. one round for that service if you have one to spare.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdeient Servants.
Chas. Crommelin.
William Hornby.
W. A. Price.
Chas. Waters.
Saml. Court.
Cecil Bowyer.
R. H. Boddam.

Bombay Castle
3p. October 1764.

N°. 120.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformable to your Favour of the 21st. Instant we give it you as our Opinion, that besides an House for the Chief & the proper Conveniences thereto must be also places Errected for Sorting & Embaling the Cloth &

Godowns for Depositing it in & also for the Civil & Military Stores & Wares, as well as for the Sea & Land Customer Employ, all which should be contiguous to the Factory House, an house or at least Convenient Apartments, should be constructed for the Gentleman that is second here with a Couple of Rooms for each of the Assistants with suitable Conveniences thereto & which Buildings we think had better be detached a little from the other House to which it might be so contrived as to Form the Wings and as we before observed to your Honor &c^{a}. a Magazine for our Powder Guard Rooms & some Barracks for the Men that may remain in Garrison here & Quarters for the Officers Command^{g}. them are equally necessary, for the Charges of House Rent & continued repairs to the Temporary Places made use of at presents & which are at the same time very inconvenient will in time be more chargeable than Erecting proper places for these uses.

It is very difficult if not impossible for us to determine whither our Investment may be extended & Improv'd so as to produce Adequate Advantages to the Charge the Repairs of the Fortifications at Cuddalore may incurr, as this Point depends on so many future Contingencies, but this much we believe we may venture to say that very probable it may greatly contribute thereto for Cuddalore being made a Place of Safety or at least in appearance so, which will be almost the same thing to the Natives for them to retire to & Deposit their Effects in. will no doubt have very good Consequences & very likely may induce many Weavers & other substantial Merchants to settle within our Limits & which whenever the French returning in our Neighbourhood will still have greater Weight with them, Besides in the manner we meant to recommend the Repairs of Cuddalore works to your Honor &c^{a}. we imagine it would not be attended with very great Expence, as we cannot be expected to be Judges in this Branch we must refer it to M^{r}. Call.

We will try whether other Merchants cannot be got to contract for the next years Investment & will acquaint you as soon as possible with the Result of our Enquiries & the particulars you required.

Our Merchants are very pressing for further Advances assuring us they have good deal of Cloth in the Weavers hands almost finished & as we have a good deal of turn'd out Cloth in the Warehouse which is a security for part of the Ballances that may be due from them we believe there would be no great Danger in making some of them another advance, but which if you acquiesce in to be enabled to do, we must beg leave to remind your Honor &c^{a} to send us the supply of Cash we requested of you in our last & which we shall even want soon for the disbursements of our Settlement.

We are with great Respect

Cuddalore
29th. Novr. 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
J. L. Smith.
John Callaud.

List of Cloth on Hand.

	Bales
At the Washers	139
Beaters	12½
Dyers	78½
Embaled	10
Bales ...	240

N°. 121.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governour &cA. Council

at Fort Sr. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Commands of the 1st. & 8th. Instant you may be assured of my particular Attention to the recovery of the several Outstanding Debts at this Settlement Mova Comrauze has been supported by Charity ever since I came here, and has not I am very well assured, wherewithal to pay of a Rupee of his Ballance unless I should seize his House & everything he has which might produce three or four hundred Rupees.

I have acquainted Meer Seid Hussein & Timmagee with the Indulgence you have been pleased to shew them in Consideration of the loss of their Salt sustained by the Storm in 1762, for which they have desired me to return you their most gratefull thanks. The Ballance remaining due from them is included in the Cowle granted for the last year Salt Farm to Meer Seid Hussein & Rustum Ally Cawn who stand indebted for it on the Books of this Settlement, and as by the Tenor of their Cowle, the Salt they may have left on hand after the last Payment becomes due (which is the 9th. of March next) is to be received on account the Company at one Quarter of a Rupee less than the rate they sell it at, The Ballance that may be due from them cannot be ascertained till then when you shall receive immediate Information, & which I shall not fail to endeavour to secure the Payment of as far as may be in my Power I have not received any Proposals as I expected from Ishmail Begg: Those sent me by the Rajah of Muglatore come under Cover.

Inclosed you will be pleased to receive the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month, The present state of my Cash is so low as not to admit of furnishing the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam wit hany, but as I shall receive some considerable Payments from the Renters the latter end of this or beginning of next Month I shall receive some considerable Payments from the Renters the latter end of this or beginning of next Month I shall not fail to supply them with all I can possibly spare from the Occasions of this Settlement & Bandarmalanka it is with much Pleasure I observe the Goods from Bandarmalanka gave such Satisfaction. I purpose going thither in a few days to discourse with the Merchants concerning their turn'd out Cloth and on my return you shall be acquainted with my Opinion on their Conduct for framing your directions for the ensuing years Investments.

Enclosed I have taken the Liberty of transmitting an Estimate of the Expence which will attend repairing the hospital here & Conveniences thereunto belonging, which being a very necessary work I beg your Permission to set about it, The Barracks for our Military here are very old, much out of Repair and indeed very insufficient for the Purpose; The Works round the Fort are in a most ruinous State. There is no Parapet to the Bastions, no Rampart between them. No Platform to any of them fit for use or indeed hardly anything that bears the least resemblance of a Fortification Remaining. This I think it my Duty to represent to you That an Engineer or some other Capable Person may be sent here to take a Survey of the Place & form an Estimate of such Works as may be necessary for the Defence of it & for accommodating in a proper manner such Garrison as may think requisite to station here.

Having some very Particular Business to settle which requires my Presence at Madrass, I request your Permission to come up for a few days & am very respectfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Masulipatam Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

23d. November 1764. John Pybus.

— An Estimate of the Expence that will attend Repairing the Hospital Cookroom, & other Conveniences thereunto belonging and rebuilding the Wall round the Inclosure, now entirely washed down.

Hospital.			
Carpenter work	30 — —		
Smiths Cooly, Iron & Charcoal	40 — —		
Cooleys with Bricklayers	20 — —		
Chunam & Sand	60 — —		
Jaggery 12 Maund	36 — —		
Timbers	70 — —		
Bricks 4000	20 — —		
Bricklayers	40 — —		
		316	— —
Cookroom, and other Conveniences.			
Carpenters Work	35 — —		
Smiths Cooley, Iron & Charcoal	34 — —		
Bricklayers	20 — —		
Cooley with Bricklayers	20 — —		
Chunam & Sand	28 — —		
Bricks 3000	15 — —		
Palmeiras 30	60 — —		
		212	— —
Rebuilding the Wall round ye Inclosure.			
Cooley	75 — —		
Clay	40 — —		
Sticks 600	75 — —		
Reapers 6000	30 — —		
Coarse Coir 3 Candy	35 — —		
Tyles, 60,000	60 — —		
		315	— —
Rupees		843	— —

Errors Excepted.

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John Pybus.

Masulipatam
23d. November 1764.

No. 122.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now the Pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 9th. & 20th. Ultimo.

As you desire to know whether the Merchants Complained of by the Dutch have been employed at Vizagapatam we have only to acquaint you that Mopaddy Chitty Butchayya, was employed during the Chiefship of Mr. Boddam & Lewin Smith but that Tomana Savaramudoo was never employed at this Place.

The Accounts of this Settlement for last Month are herewith enclosed, & we must beg leave to remind you of our request of the 17th. Ultimo, as the Ballance of Cash is reduced to Pagodas 5475–10–39 and we have since advanced the Merchants Pags. 3000–0–0 & others likewise want advances, which we cannot comply with, untill we have a farther supply, as what money now remains, is to pay the Military, and the Garrison Expences.

Agreeable to your Commands of the 20th. Ultimo we discharged the Ship Illocos from the Honble Companys Service from the day, she came into the River which was the 25th. Ultimo as will appear by a Copy of our Letter to Mr. Nodes which is herewith enclosed.

We are with due Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
John Smith.
Charles Smith.
William Barker.

Vizagapatam
13th. November 1764.

Cloth on hand Embaled

			Co.	Ys.		
L C O 40	Bales	qty.	67	70		
L C M 10	Do.		20	—		
L C F 6	Do.		12	—		
					99	10
At the Wash						
L C O			99	10		
L C M			98	10		
L C F			25	10		
					223	10
In the Wareh^s. Brown.						
L C O			16	1		
L C M			17	19		
L C F			12	10		
					46	10
		Corge			369	10

No. 123.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have now the honor to forward you the Books of this Settlement for the year ending Ulto. April 1764.

The Company of Seapoys which in my Letter of the 30th. Ultimo I acquainted you I had sent as an Escort to some Lombardy People coming down here from the Country to purchase Salt joined them about fifty Miles on the other side the Besora Pass They consisted of two different Tribes & had been engaged in Disputes with each other to such a length, that many People of both sides are killed; The Zemindar, in whose Districts they then were, taking advantage of this, pretended they had done considerable damage to his Country, & robbed some of his People, demanding from them therefore a considerable Sum of Money in Consideration of these Outrages which they not having to pay, he seized on their Cattle & such Merchandize as they were bringing with them from the Country to exchange for Salt & then endeavour'd to drive them out of his Limits by force of Arms. In this Situation they were when our Seapoys joined them a Party of whom being in a Village when some of the Lombardy People had taken up their Quarters, were set upon in the night by the Zemindars Peons & two of them were slighly wounded. On receiving this Information I sent immediate orders to be Subadar to march into Garrison with his Command, & leave the Lombardy People & Zemindar to settle their Disputes themselves, not choosing to engage in a matter of this nature which was likely to be attended with serious Consequences & wherein I could not pretend to determine which Party was in the right, If the animoisities between the different Tribes of Lombardy People subsist (as I hear is still the case) we can expect but little demand for Salt.

I am very Respectfully,

Masulipatam
29th. Novr. 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most humble Servant
John Pybus.

List of Cloth on Hand.

	Pieces.
Chay Goods at Masulipatam	1335
Goods at Bandarmalanka	
Long Cloth Ordinary	1443
Midling	2032
Fine	811
Izzarees	35

Turn'd out of the different Sortments 546 Pieces.

No. 124.

To the Right Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour on the Coast of
Chrommandel & Council at Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are very sorry to see by your Letter of the 9th. of last Month, that you did not find good to give over the Merchants reclaimed by us that fled from Bimlipatam to Poenemarken Visagapatam & Visianagaram, because what the Gentlemen your Resident of Visagapatam wrote to you the 17th. Septr. before whereof you send us an Extract the said Merchants having engaged themselves in your service, Consequently were first obliged to finish their Affairs there, & tho we must testify as we have wrote in our Letters of the

31st. July last, that their pretences are false saying that their Debts to the Dutch Company were paid by one Siccaweerana likewise that they should not have sign'd theirs accounts, nor have made any Contracts with the Company for this year at that Settlement, we shall inform ourselves at large these Affairs by the arrival here of the last Bimilipatnams second Ian Vishcher who we expect here after the monsoon is over, and in that case shall entertain you about that hereafter.

We desire in a friendly manner that you be so kind to give strong Orders, that the said fled Merchants may not further escape or run away, & if in the meantime they should agreed & finished accounts with your Residents at Vizagapatam then to have them sent to our new Chiefs at Bimilipatanam.

In which expectation we have the Honour to be with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithful Obedient humble Servants
. . . . .

Negapatam
30th. November 1764.

No. 125.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

As we are disappointed in the Arrival of the Admiral Pocock from Manilha We have thought proper to apply to Mr. Tinker to permit the Argo Frigate to proceed to China with the Consignment of Treasure which we are now preparing & intend to compleat to Ten Lack of Rupees; By this means we shall have no other Occasion here for the Admiral Pocock, & as the Gentlemen at Bombay have wrote us that they shall be in want of one or two more Ships to carry their Tonnage for Europe this Season, We recommend to you to dispatch that Ship round to them as soon as she arrives with you.

One Mathew Templeton who was lately concern'd in running away with the Devonshire Boat, & appears indeed to have been the Principal We are inform'd is gone on a Voyage in the Argyle Ketch Captain Mackay in the Capacity of Gunner, We therefore think it necessary to make this mention of him that if you should at any time have it in your power you may order him to be seiz'd & sent to England.

Since our last has arrived the success Captain Gardiner one of the Transports from Europe with about two hundred & Twenty Recruits.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Henry Vansittart.
J. Spencer.
U. P. Playdell.
John Johnston.
Randh. Marriott.
Saml. Middleton.
Ralph Leycester.

Fort William
19th Novr. 1764.

No. 126.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 7th. Instant with the ten thousand Pagodas (10,000) you advised us therein you had ordered to be forwarded to us for the use of this Settlement, are received & shall duely observe the Contents of your said Letter.

Agreeable to your Directions in yours of the 7th. Ultimo, we take the Opportunity of the returning Seapoys that Esccorted the Treasure hereto send you under their Charge the five persons then accused of coming & uttering Base Coin Since which two other Persons have been apprehended on suspicion of the same crime who we therefore likewise send your Honor &ca. with their Communications taken before the Chief as well as the Base coin, & Moulds for Coining Seal'd up & attested by him & the Witnesses, Two more Prisoners go likewise with the same Escort charged with Robbing the Revd. Mr. George Hutteman & Mr. Duncan Buchanan both of this Place of considerable Sums of Money in Order that they may be delivered into the Custody of the Proper Officers untill they can be tryed at the next Quarter Sessions when those Gentlemen or at least some of the parties Robbed intend prosecuting them, the Depositions against them with their Examinations & confessions are enclosed you But as there appears no prosecutors against the Persons suspected of uttering false coin &ca. It may be necessary your Honor &ca. acquaint us what Witness you may want in that Affair & which you will judge of by the Depositions now sent & those before transmitted the President by the Chief.

Our Journal Parcells & other accounts for last Month accompany this which concludes as with the Honor of being.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble
Servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
16th. Decr. 1764.

List of Cloth on Hand.

Bales	154	At	Washers
	15½		Beaters
	99		Dyers
	18		Embaled
Bales	286½		

No. 127.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Honor &ca. Favour dated the 15th October with a Packet enclosed, address'd to the Honble the President & Council of Bombay which was immediatey forwarded by a Pattamar Boat Express.

We have the Satisfaction to advise your Honour &c^{a}. that our Honble Masters Ship Assia passed by this Port in her way to Bombay the 18th. Ultimo whose Commander acquaints us of his having spoke with the Anson Captain Galbreadth of the Cape of Good Hope; We have only to add, that our Honble Masters Ship the Lord Mansfield, dispatch'd from Bengal so long since as the 8th. March last, arrived at Bombay early last Month & will be dispatched to England from thence, as soon as she has had the necessary.

We are very Respectfully,

Tellicherry
1st. December 1764.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
T. Byfeld.
H. Hurt.
Willm. Ashburner.
Robert Sparks.

No. 128.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr,
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
at Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honor'd with your Commands of the 7th. Instant & in obedience thereto have acquainted Meer Said Hussein that you have been pleased to accept his Proposals for renting the Masulipatam & Ponnacca Salt for three Years who has accordingly taken upon him the Management of that Farm. The Mugalatore Rajah has likewise been informed that his Proposals for renting the Town of Narsipore are accepted I made Enquiry immediately on the Receipt of your Orders for Abdull Hussein whose offers for the Pettah Juncan & Hydrabad Customs have been accepted, that I might put him in the Management of that Farm, as it has been some time expired but I found he had left the Place; I have therefore continued Gahin Labdeen the late Renter in Possession of it, who is willing to give the same Rent for the Terms of three years, as has been offered by Abdull Hussein That is to say 20,000 Rupees ℔ Annum; And as he is a man who bears a fair Character & has paid his Rents duely (although I have been well informed he was considerable looser by the last Years Farm) I take the Liberty of recommending him for being confirmed in it, on the above mention'd terms. The Reasons why the Offers for this Farm have been so low are owing I conclude to the heavy loss sustained by the Farmer last year from a great decrease in the Customs on Goods for Hydrabad & on Grain brought in from the Country & imported by Sea & carried to the Pettah, The former depends entirely on the demand for printed Goods for the Inland Trade & the Latter on the Price of Grain, which having been much cheaper last Year than usual has not been brought to market here in such large Quantities as was Customary, and this is likely to be the case this year, from the great Prospect there is of Plentiful Crops throughout the Country.

I have set about repairing the Hospital conformably to your Permission & shall wait your further Orders relating to the Works.

In my address of the 23^{d}. Ultimo I had y^{e}. honor of acquainting you with my design of proceedings to Bandarmalanka to discourse with the Merchants there on the subject of their turn'd out Cloth, & y^{e}. Business of the Investment in general I returned from thence a few days ago, & shall now lay before you an Account of my Transactions. The first Point I attended to, was an Enquiry

into the Quantity of Goods which had been brought in by the Merchants on the present Years Contract, & the State of their several Ballances; The former of which I found to be very inconsiderable, & the latter very large, owing to the Quarter part of the Amount of the Investment contracted for, having by agreement been advanced them on making the Contracts, which was to be accounted for after the delivery of three Quarter of what contracted for, they would have the Sum first advanced them allways remaining in their hands, which I thought it necessary to reduce as low as possible before any new Contract was made with them, that some Judgement might be formed who among them were the most responsible, & to be depended on, for which Purpose, I had some time before I went to Bandarmalanka given Mr. Whitehill orders not tc pay for any Cloth which might be brought in after the last of October, till I should come there. On my arrival I found the Investment brought in on this Years Contract, and the Merchants Ballances the 30th. Novr. to be as follows Vizt.

Merchants Names.	Cloth contracted for.	Cloth delivered,	Ballance 30th. Novr.
Lackum Chitty Erapah	161	54	1836 : 32 : 32
Lachum Chitty Mulloo	159	83	1282 : 25 : 16
Cauma Chitty Paupiah	159	61	2022 : 3 : 48
Shanah Antravidu	159	56	1935 : 32 : 32
Marra Mulloo	159	54	1559 : 25 : 16
Gundam Omiah	159	44	2147 : 3 : 48
Conkisha Narsoe	79	23	1147 : 28 : 64
	1035	375	11932 : 7 : 16

from this Statement it will appear; that although by Agreement one half of the Investment contracted for, was to have been deliver'd in by the last of July, yet but little more than one third was brought in the last of Novr. & as the present Contract expires the 31st. of next Month, there was no great Probability the remainder would be brought in by that time, I therefore thought it best to begin to stop Payment for their Cloth, that their Ballances at the Expiration of their Contract might be nearly reduced at which time I acquainted them that such who were desirous of being employed again as Companys Merchants must pay down in ready money the Ballances which might be due from them, before any new Contract would be made with them, which I hope will induce them to exert themselves in clearing them off, I then proceeded to settle with them the Terms for receiving their Turn'd out Cloth, conformably to the Plan, I had the honor of proposing in my Address of the 23d. Septr. by sorting it to three Numbers at certain fixed Prices, as the following Statement, Vizt.

	Long Cloth Fine.		Long Cloth Midling.		Long Cloth Ordy.	
No. 1	@ 57	Ps.	Nl @ 45	Ps.	N 1 @ 34	Ps.
2	54	℔ Co.	2 42	℔ Co.	2 32	℔ Co.
3	50		3 38		3 28	

setting a proportionably less value on No. 3 than on the other two Numbers that the Merchants might not be interested in debasing the present Fabrick of Cloth; But this Proposal they would by no means hearken to, alledging that they should be considerable Sufferers by it; That the fine & Ordinary Cloths at the Full Price, afforded them little or no profit, & that if their turn'd out Cloth was given back to them they could return it to the Weavers who would give them good for it these were Arguments undoubtedly of Weight & in a great measure just, But upon pressing them still further on this Point, they at last agreed to except of an Abatement of ten ℔ cent for the whole

together. This I objected to knowing there was some of it that would be dearly bought on those terms & after a long discussion of the Matter with them I at length agreed to allow them ten ℔ Cent on all which Mr. Whitehill on sorting it after washing, should think fit to be received at such an Abatement, returning them what might be rejected, & accordingly left such directions with Mr. Whitehill on my coming away with orders likewise to distinguish the Cloths & Bales with the Letter T of which I flatter myself with your Approbation. There are some among the Merchants, who I fear will not be able to clear off their Ballances either in Cloth or Money by the time for renewing their Contracts, as there are but few of them Men of any Substance.

One of the most Principal Lackum Chitty Erapah, I have hear'd from Mr. Whitehill is dead since my Return from thence, but he has a Son Capable of managing his Business, I am in hopes the Compy. will sustain no loss thereby. The Merchants here bring in their Chay Goods very slowly, but as the weather is now fair, They promise me the whole Quantity ordered shall be in readiness by the latter end of next Month.

Inclosed I have the Honor to transmit you the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month. I forwarded to Vizagapatam a few days ago a Supply of ten thousand Madrass Pagodas for the Service of that Settlement, in Obedience to your Orders and am very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most humble Servant
John Pybus.

Masulipatam
19th. Decr. 1764.

No. 129.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favor of the 17th. Inst. but had anticipated your Directions therein having immediately on receipt of the Treasure lately sent us, paid our Merchants for the Cloth they had brought in for the preceeding Month as we had on their Representations desired permission of your Honor &ca. to do in our Address of the 29th. Ultimo, thocant say it has been attended with the Effects they promis'd us, they having brought in but little Cloth since & the Terms of their Contracts being now so near expir'd it will not afford them to bring in much more.

Mr. Call arrived here the 22d. Instant with whom we have fully discoursed & given the necessary Informations concerning the Factory House &ca. Buildings intended to be erected at Cuddalore as well as view'd the Walls of the Place, but as he proposes setting out soon after this for Madrass, he will in Person acquaint your Honor &ca. with his Observations & Sentiments therein from whence you will be able to determine what resolution to come to and to whom therefore we beg leave to refer you for Particulars.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
J. L. Smith.
John Calland.

Cuddalore
25th. December 1764.

List of Cloth on hand

Bales	.. 117	..	At Washers
	67	..	Beaters
	120	..	Dyers
	18	..	Embaled
Bales	.. 322½		

No. 130.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favor of the 8th. of November, & agreable to your Commands we have charged 50 ℔ Cent on the Naval Stores, disposed of since that time, the Iron & Nails we continue to dispose of as usual, the Country Iron being very cheap, we cannot dispose of the Companys at an advance Price.

It gives us great satisfaction that your Honour &ca. approve of the Quality of the Cloth sent by the Essex & we hope by degrees that we shall be able to Increase the Quantity in future, as we can assure you our utmost endeavours are used for that Purpose.

We are sensible the last Cloth sent you was not so well washed as we could wish, owing to the continual heavy Rains at that time, we hope in future there will be no cause of Complaint on that Head, as we have lately Built it Couple of Banksalls for the use of the Washers, and are now enclosing one of the Washing Places with a Hedge, which was much required to keep out Cattle &ca. all which will not be attended with any great Expence, therefore we have taken that Liberty without waiting your Orders.

Our Warehousekeeper will take particular care in future, that there be no reason for Complaint in regard to the Packing Stuff.

We herewith enclose the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month, the Ballance of which is only Current Pags. 577:38:17 & we have since made some advances to Captain Faizan & the Nabobs Troops, as also to our own Military for this Month so that we now have little or no money remaining and we have not heard anything from Mr. Pybus, concerning the supply you mention'd, but hope we shall shortly receive it otherwise our Investment must be entirely at a stand.

The Cloth on hand is expressed at the foot hereof, and we remain with the utmost respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Smith.
Charles Smith.
William Barker.

Vizagapatam
17th Decr. 1764.

CLOTH IN HAND Embaled

L C O W	Bas.	77 Gt. Co.	115 : 10	
L C M W		42	84	
L C F W		12	24	
	Bales ..	131		223 : 10

At the Wash

L C O	167	17	
E C M	92	9	
L C F	53	18	
			308 4
Corge ..			531 14

N.B.—The following should have been entered after the Letter from Cuddalore under N°. 49.

LIST OF THE INVESTMENT CONTRACTED FOR AT CUDDALORE BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE FOR THE YEAR 1763 WITH THE MOST LIKELY REASONS GIVEN FOR ITS NOT BEING COMPLIED WITH.

	Quantity contracted for.	Quantity taken in.	Quantity Deficient.	
BETEELAS of 40 Covids Long & 2¼ Broad	1000	200	800	These Defeciencys proceed principally from two causes, The unfavorableness of the year for an Invesment & inattention of the Merchants to their Contract. The want of Rain, Occasion'd Cotton to rise from 28 & 29 Pagodas ℔ Candy to 40 & 45. Grain in proportion & Consequently the Weavers Labour From these Unfavourable Circumstances the Merchants finding advantage to be no made by their Contracts, gave themselves little or no Concern, about fulfilling them.
BETEELAS 50 Covids Long & 2¼ Broad	1000	..	1000	
LONG CLOTH CHINNAMANAICK POLLAM	4000	1357	2643	
Long Cloth WORRIARPOLLAM.	2000	324	1676	
Long Cloth Sheally	6000	1091	4909	
Long Cloth Salam	8000	2567	5433	
Long Cloth Fine	3000	1850	1150	
Long Cloth Midling Blue ..	30000	2715	27285	
Salampores Midling	10000	4086	5914	
Soot Romalls Blue	7000	259	6741	
Soot Romalls Red	3000	160	2840	
	75000	14609	60391	

CUDDALORE
25TH. APRIL 1764.

JOHN CALLAND.

EXAMINED—
G. WESTCOTT.

TRANSCRIBED,
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